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3 rescued on Rota as house is blown away

» **19 others on Rota taken to shelter**
» **180 take refuge in emergency shelters on Saipan**

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The screaming winds of Vongfong scared many Rota residents as the typhoon made its nearest approach to the island early yesterday morning, causing debris to fly, downing crops and small trees, and triggering power outages. But the residents' preparedness paid off as no one was injured and there were only minor property damage.

Three Bangladesh nationals were rescued when their tin and wooden house was "blown away" and damaged. They were brought to the Aging

Center on Rota, where 19 other people took refuge for safety, according to Henry S. Atalig, director of Rota Community and Cultural Affairs.

Saipan and Tinian also had similar experiences as Vongfong toppled banana stalks and small trees and triggered water and power outages. No one was reported injured.

As of 8pm last night, Vongfong was still moving away from the Marianas in a west-

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Vongfong shuts 24-hour stores, restos

» **Brisk sales as residents stock up on emergency items**

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Typhoon Vongfong didn't only force the closure of government offices and

public and private schools yesterday but also shuttered retail establishments and restaurants on island.

A number of 24-hour supermarkets were ordered closed by Department of Public Safety officers by midnight yesterday, while a number of restaurants had to close shop earlier than usual because of the threat of the typhoon.

Twins Supermarket in Dandan and

99 Cents Supermarket in Garapan are just two 24-hour stores that were ordered closed by police because of the inclement weather.

A staff from Twins Supermarket said they closed around 12am. An hour later at 1am it was 99 Cents Supermarket's turn to close down. A staff said DPS also ordered the establishment to pad-

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Power outages persist in north side of Saipan

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Typhoon Vongfong passed through the Marianas early yesterday morning but power was not immediately restored to half of the northern side of Saipan.

According to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., areas hit

were Tanapag, San Roque, Sadog Tasi, Capital Hill, As Teo, Agag, and the whole area of Kagman and half of San Vicente.

The CUC call center said they started receiving calls as early as 3am on when the power would be restored. According to one of the staff, there was no

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Inos says video lottery needs new regulations

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A year after signing a law legalizing video lottery operations in the CNMI, the Inos administration has seen no activity on the much ballyhooed revenue-generating industry.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the government has made its due diligence by issuing requests for proposal to attract companies interested in investing in video lottery operations on Saipan.

So far, no concrete proposal on video lottery has landed on the governor's desk, which could result in the reevaluation of existing regulations for the industry.

"We have an RFP for video



Inos

lottery. The only [thing] lacking right now are the regulations. There were regulations but it was inadequate so what the Lottery Commission has to do now is republish those regulations," he said.

With the legalization of casino and e-gaming on Saipan, Inos said video lottery could be another industry that could generate much-needed revenue for the CNMI.

"Video lottery is one source of revenue that the Legislature passed. It would've been

good if we only had e-gaming, but video lottery is also interesting. There are some folks who actually would rather go video lottery."

Inos earlier said the government has received proposals from Canadian and Taiwanese firms interested in video lottery operations on Saipan. In fact, the governor said, one of the investors is looking at operating some 500 machines.

The preferred site of video lottery operations is the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport. However, the airport's main concessionaire and the Commonwealth Ports Authority have to approve any such proposal, too.

Inos signed the video lot-

tery law in October 2013, two months before electronic gaming became law, and five months after the Saipan casino law's enactment.

Since then, Best Sunshine International Ltd. has already been awarded an exclusive Saipan casino license and it now plans to invest \$7.1 billion in an integrated resort project. E-gaming, meanwhile, is up and running with the opening of Club C at the Kanoa Resort in the middle of this year.

Under Public Law 18-20, video lottery terminals are strictly limited to golf resorts, hotels that have at least 100 rooms, or at any airport departure area that is accessible to departing passengers only.

Youth voters' group meets with Kilili

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP, who is running for re-election this November, met Saturday night with voter awareness group Maximum Impact Leading Excellence, or MILE CNMI, at his campaign office in Gualo Rai.

The group got a glimpse into the work life of the delegate, and what he does as a non-voting representative of the CNMI in Congress.

"We didn't understand that it takes a lot of people, a lot of time, and a lot of effort [to get things done]. Now we understand better," group organizer Irene Tantiado said in

an interview.

She described the meeting as "very fruitful," with Sablan talking of topics close to the young voters' hearts like immigration reform and minimum wage, for example.

She said the group is still open to meeting with the other candidate for delegate, Andrew Salas.

Sablan actually asked the group to meet with Salas as a requirement for their meeting with him, according to Tantiado.

"If [Salas] still wants to meet with us, he can email me and we'll make sure to meet," she said.

In an interview yesterday,

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"Every time I go to work is very exciting, because I enjoy my job. The hotel industry is about service, and I enjoy providing good service to other people.

"As a waiter, I meet a lot of different people. For me, that's very interesting. I make sure that I give good service to the guests.

"Every time I go to work is very exciting, because I enjoy my job."

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Certified question still awaiting House consent

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With Rep. Ramon Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) essentially begging off, the Inos administration is now looking for any member of the House of Representatives to sign off on a certified question to the Supreme Court concerning Saipan Local Law 18-19.

"We're having just a little bit of a problem trying to get the folks who previously agreed to sign off on the certified question. We're trying to get at least one member [of the Legislature] to sign off so we can get it going," Gov. Eloy Inos said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* Friday.

SLL 18-19 appropriates

\$800,000 in Managaha landing fees to pay landowners whose properties were taken by the government for public use.

The Department of Public Lands, through the Attorney General's Office, is questioning the constitutionality of the local law, arguing that the fees are proceeds from the island's land lease and therefore should be

remitted to the Marianas Public Land Trust. It said the Legislature has no authority to earmark the funds.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, which passed the local law, believes the landing fees are not part of the land lease and are in fact entrance fees that tourists pay when they visit Managaha Island.

"The question really is whether the landing fee is part of the land lease. They [delegation] said they have authority over it. A similar situation was vetoed in the past," said the governor.

Like what House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan) earlier told *Saipan Tribune*, Inos said

he wants the certified question forwarded to the Supreme Court at the soonest possible time so the whole issue of land compensation will finally be settled.

"We need to have a finality on this thing so let's just send it up for the certified question. I'm going to contact the speaker and see if he's willing to sign off on this. We need finality on this thing. If we can get somebody to sign off on it today so we can send it to the Supreme Court, the better, and I hope the Supreme Court will expedite [its decision]."

How the Supreme Court acts on the certified question on SLL 18-19 will have bearing on a proposed bill Benavente is offering, this time tapping \$2 million from the Managaha landing

fees to pay other land claimants.

Under the \$800,000 land compensation payment local law, at least 223 Saipan landowners will get anywhere from 89 cents to over \$190,000, based on DPL data.

Besides those owed land compensation payments on Saipan, other intended beneficiaries of SLL 18-19 are the NMI Museum of History and Culture and the Northern Marianas Descent Corp., which are supposed to get \$100,000 each by mid-October.

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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos declared October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month last Friday to reinforce the value and talent that people with disabilities add to workplaces and communities.

NDEAM's purpose of is to educate the community about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of CNMI workers with disabilities.

NDEAM's roots go back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month, or NDEAM.

"Upon its establishment in 2001, the Office of Disability Employment Policy assumed responsibility for NDEAM and has worked to expand its reach and scope ever since," said Rep. Antonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan).

Pearlyann Cango, who works for Mariana Resort and Spa, read the proclamation explaining about NDEAM.

"Places of employment that promote equal opportunities for persons, regardless of disabilities or for other reasons, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy,"

Cango said.

Inos echoed Cango and other disability advocates on the promotion of persons with disabilities in the workplace.

"I call upon employers, schools, and other community organizations in the CNMI to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to advocate its important message that people with disabilities are equal to the task," Inos said.

Pamela Sablan of the Council on Developmental Disabilities, who also chairs the State Rehabilitation Council of the CNMI, urged everyone to remember NDEAM's three most powerful words: expect, employ, and empower.

"Youth with disabilities must grow up expecting to work and succeed and this message can't start early enough. Employers must foster flexible work environments and open to employing the talents of all qualified individuals with disabilities. When high expectations meet inclusive workplaces, we reach the final step," Sablan said.

She noted that Ayuda Network will be joining with CDD to observe NDEAM.

"Together with Ayuda Network, we join the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in promoting meaningful employment for people with disabilities on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," Sablan said.

"Ayuda Network will support its partners in their shared goal of increasing independence and self-sufficiency of people with disabilities," Ayuda Network executive director

Diana Camacho said.

NDEAM activities include outreach on all three islands from Oct 14 to Oct 24. To participate in NDEAM activities, contact committee chair Thomas Thornburgh at 235- 7273 or OVR's Josephine Tudela at 322-6537 or 322-6538.

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Members of the voter awareness group Maximum Impact Leading Excellence have their picture taken with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) Saturday night at his campaign office in Gualo Rai.

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estimated time.

Power had yet to be restored in the north side by 10am. Kagman areas remained without power as late as 6:30pm.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that CUC is working to restore services on all three islands.

"Beginning last evening, we opened emergency operations centers on each island and had crews working throughout the

night at restoring services when conditions allowed," he said.

Fletcher said there were no major damage to power plants and other facilities.

"However, we did suffer numerous hardware failures due to the poor condition of the distribution system. Our technicians have been working hard to restore service throughout the night," Fletcher said.

CUC operations ramped up operations after the typhoon's passage.

"At this time, power on Rota and Tinian is restored, except for some localized problems,"

Fletcher said.

He said that Feeder 4, which includes Sadog Tasi, Capital Hill, As Teo, Agag, and Kagman, and Feeder 7, which covers Tanapag and San Roque, had major problems.

"Some of our wells and booster pump stations were shut down prior to the storm to protect the motors and controls from damage due to power outages and power imbalances. As power comes on, water crews are starting up wells and refilling reservoirs," Fletcher said.

CUC expects water service

to be fully restored late last night or by morning of today.

There were no sewer overflows during the typhoon and all sewer lift stations are operational and were operated by backup power during the storm, according to Fletcher.

"We would like to thank our customers for their patience during this storm and apologize for the inconvenience of service interruptions. While there were no major damage, CUC continues to chase localized problems and will again have crews working throughout the night," he said.

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northwest direction at 20mph. It was packing maximum sustained winds of 105 miles per hour.

Vongfong's center at that time was 320 miles west-northwest of Rota and Tinian, 330 miles west-northwest of Saipan, and 315 miles northwest of Guam.

A total of 180 people took refuge in different emergency shelters on Saipan, but as of 10:25am yesterday, there were only 164 left as some went back to their homes, according to acting press secretary Ivan A. Blanco.

Blanco said Public School System classes at all levels and non-critical government operations remain suspended today, Tuesday.

In a phone interview with *Saipan Tribune* last night, Rota Community and Cultural Affairs director Atalig said that strong wind broke down the tin and wooden structure occupied by three Bangladeshi guest workers in Sinapalo.

Atalig said one of workers called the Emergency Operations Center at 2:30am, right in the middle of the typhoon, prompting police officers and an ambulance to respond and

rescue them.

Atalig said the three were not injured. They were transported to the Aging Center, the island's designated emergency shelter, where 19 other persons took refuge.

Atalig said the wind brought by Vongfong was strong, but that 98 percent of the houses and buildings on Rota are concrete and can withstand strong typhoons.

He said fallen trees and debris blocked the roads, but the Department of Public Works immediately cleared them.

Atalig said the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. turned off the power supply for safety reasons and that power was back and running at 4:30pm.

He said most of the damage were in agriculture such as bananas, taros and other crops.

There was no flooding as the typhoon brought winds but not much rains, Atalig said.

Atalig said they felt the typhoon at 2am when the winds started picking up and it was 4am when it intensified.

What the island needs from the central government is funding to purchase fuel for those hauling the debris from roads, Atalig said, adding that, for now, they just pushed the debris to the side of the roads.

Board of Education member

Tanya King said no damage was reported in Rota schools.

"We did not detect any damage at all but in fact if there are any flooding I'm confident that principals will expeditiously address those damage," she said.

Due to inclement weather, Rota teachers were not able to fly to Saipan for the public school's statewide professional development day. Instead, according to King, development day will be held at the school level.

For today, she said it is her understanding that teachers will be reporting to schools but classes are suspended.

Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) said that based on the information she gathered from residents, the sound of the wind scared people.

Santos said there were flying debris, falling trees, and a few residents had damage to their homes.

Santos said DPW immediately cleared the roads of debris, with the help of the public.

The lawmaker said they would just have to wait for all the assessment on damages, and if it meets the criteria, federal assistance from Federal Emergency Management Agency and American Red Cross should come in.

"If it warrants federal assis-

tance granted to families, we would really appreciate that assistance," Santos said.

Estrellita Clitar Mendiola, wife of Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola, said the municipality and all residents were well prepared, that's why no one was injured and damage to property was minor.

She said the power was restored on the island at about 1pm to 2pm yesterday.

At 10:30am yesterday, Gov. Eloy S. Inos issued an "all clear" for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Inos, however, urged residents to be cautious as emergency crews will be assessing damage as a result of wind gusts and rain.

Blanco said that on Saipan, ports were closed yesterday and there was no water supply islandwide and no power on Feeder 7, 4, and Kiya 1, 2, and 4.

As there was no power, many traffic lights on the island were off. Gas stations resumed operations at 1pm.

All classes and offices at the Northern Marianas College will reopen today, Oct. 7. NMC urges students and employees to continue to take precautionary measures when driving on highways due to heavy rain showers and possible flooding in low lying areas. *(with Dennis Chan)*

YOUTH

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Tantiado said the group has decided to officially endorse Sablan but are still debating if they would officially endorse a gubernatorial candidate.

They have met with gubernatorial candidates the last few months and, with a month left until the elections, they are looking to push hard at getting the youth to vote, according to Tantiado.

She said the group finds it very frustrating to find during outreach that people who are registered to vote are either un-

sure or not interested in voting this November.

The group in its next meeting on Friday will have this issue on the table, according to Tantiado, with possible offers of transportation during the election or stronger outreach at the college as some actions they may plan.

"It's not enough to ask them to register. The bigger problem is how to encourage them to go out and vote," she said.

Also in the works this month is a poll to see who people will vote for governor.

Tantiado said there are still working on the poll's format but will try to target more than 500 people during the survey.

VONGFONG

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lock their doors because of the extreme weather conditions.

Operations of Shirley's Coffee Shop, J's Restaurant, and McDonald's were also affected.

A staff from Shirley's Coffee Shop said both their Susupe and Garapan locations were closed earlier than usual because of Vongfong.

Shirley's Coffee Shop's Susupe had to turn away dine-in customers beginning 7pm Sunday, while its Garapan location followed suit by 12pm.

However, despite closing their restaurants, Shirley's Coffee Shop's kitchens were operating full blast at both branches as their cooks were preparing food packages for emergency responders from Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Shirley's Coffee Shop prepared 200 bento boxes for HSEM and some 90 for CUC staff.

J's Restaurant, meanwhile, closed its San Jose location 9pm Sunday and it opened 8am the next day, Monday.

The Middle Road branch of J's Restaurant was not affected by Vongfong as its 24-hour operation continued without a hitch, according to staff of the restaurant.

Like Shirley's Coffee Shop, J's Restaurant's Gualo Rai also had to work double-time to prepare food packages for CUC emergency crews.

McDonald's Saipan also didn't escape the wrath of Typhoon Vongfong, as according to marketing officer Anna Olaes, they were forced to close their Garapan branch along Beach Road.

She said when Mobil Oil Marianas decided to close their Beach Road gas station, McDonald's had no recourse but to also shutter their 24-hour fast-food store. McDonald's Saipan rents the location from the petroleum company.

Olaes said McDonald's Saipan's two branches opened around 11am yesterday.

Payday Sunday

While 24-hour stores had to cut

their operations short, supermarkets on the island generally enjoyed brisk sales over the weekend as residents stocked up on emergency items.

At Joeten Shopping Center, supermarket manager J.J. Tenorio said they experienced the rush of customers as early as Saturday afternoon.

He said their aisles were brimming with customers who bought butane gas, bottled water, canned items like corned beef and luncheon meat, whole cases of chicken and spareribs, batteries, flashlights, candles, portables lamps, and first aid and survival kits.

Like the 24-hour supermarkets on island, Tenorio said they were forced to close their Garapan, Dandan, and Kagman supermarkets before 9pm on Sunday, while their Susupe main store maintained its normal operating hours from 9am to 8pm Sunday.

The same payday atmosphere was also prevalent at 99 Centers Supermarket, Twins Supermarket, and LJ's Store in Chalan Kanoa, as shoppers almost cleared the stores' stocks of instant noodles, canned goods, butane gas, bread, and other emergency items.

At Twins Supermarket, the same staff interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* said it was so busy Sunday night that their two cash register attendants had trouble keeping up with the customers.

At LJ's Store, parking became a problem with the unusually high number of customers that crowded the store Sunday night. The Chalan Kanoa store is known for its bargain-basement prices that attract shoppers from as far as Garapan and Lower Base.

Customers wanting to escape their homes suddenly devoid of power because of yesterday's brownouts also made a beeline to restaurants like Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe and J's Restaurant in Gualo Rai.

With other food establishments on Saipan closed, the two restaurants were jam-packed all throughout breakfast and lunch.

Like Mobil, Shell Marianas gas stations on Saipan were also closed and reportedly only started opening after lunch yesterday.

Pai reappointed as public auditor for new 6-yr. term

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Michael Pai's tenure at the helm of the Office of the Public Auditor will continue after Gov. Eloy S. Inos reappointed him for another six-year term on Monday.

"The reappointment signals the governor's commitment to efficiency and effective government services. With this appointment, Mr. Pai will be able to continue to perform financial audits and inspections on government processes and systems to mitigate areas of apparent and inherent risks and improve services as well as prevent waste, fraud, and abuse," an email from Inos' public information officer, Ivan Blanco, read Monday.

The public auditor's reappointment is contingent on the Legislature approving his nomination for a second term at OPA. This early, however, signs point toward Pai passing his confirmation hearings with flying colors.

In email to *Saipan Tribune*, Pai said, "I am grateful and honored to be reappointed. I look forward to serving a second term of office with the OPA team."

The public auditor previously told the governor about his desire and commitment if reappointed to a second term.

"If he sees fit to reappoint me, I'm ready to continue

working," Pai was previously quoted as saying.

His six-year term as CNMI public auditor ends on Oct. 26, just a few days before the Nov. 4 general elections.

Pai's reappointment ends Inos' brief flirtation with appointing someone other than Pai to the position of public auditor.

In previous interviews with *Saipan Tribune*, the governor said he has checked a few individuals for the post, but clarified that he has not decided yet whether to reappoint or replace Pai.

House Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) on Monday gave credit to the governor for reappointing Pai.

"I'm pretty sure the House and the Senate will act swiftly and pass his reappointment once documents for his confirmation are received," he said.

With Pai's reappointment, Dela Cruz said he would now reconsider introducing a legislative initiative that will make the public auditor position an elected one, like what he did with the attorney general post. CNMI voters will vote for the first elected CNMI attorney general in the Nov. 4, 2014, polls.

House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said he's happy that the governor opted to reappoint Pai. While reappointing Pai has always been the governor's call, Deleon Guerrero said that Pai has

been doing a "good job" and deserves a second term.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) said he's grateful that Inos set politics aside and decided to give Pai a second term.

He echoed Deleon Guerrero's comments that Pai has done a

good job as head of OPA and lauded the governor for making the right choice.

OPA currently has 14 employees, including the public auditor himself, two legal counsels, and auditors. Years back, OPA had a staff of about 30 individuals.

Among OPA's ongoing performance audits involve the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Department of Public Safety's evidence room, and the Department of Finance's Division of Customs Service.

Pai has been a certified pub-

lic accountant for more than 20 years. He attended the University of Hawaii, where he completed degrees in engineering and business administration. He put up his own accounting firm in 1986, after working for a number of corporations and an accounting firm. He was also a shareholder for some businesses in Guam, Minnesota, and Saipan.



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Former FEBC compound is turned over to DPS



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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Department of Public Lands Secretary Pedro Tenorio turn over the keys of the former Far Eastern Broadcasting facilities in Marpi to Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero during a ceremony on Friday.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Department of Public Lands Secretary Pedro A. Tenorio formally conveyed to the Department of Public Safety on Friday the former Far Eastern Broadcasting compound in Marpi that has five buildings, several housing units, and even a swimming pool.

The compound, which sits on some 49,000 square meters of public land, will be used as the Commonwealth's first ever Law Enforcement and Education Center, among other DPS offices.

Tenorio and Inos handed to DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero all the keys to the facility at the turnover ceremony.

In his brief remarks, Inos said the conveyance of the compound will boost the morale of DPS personnel.

"It's now yours, keep it, maintain it," said Inos, drawing cheers from DPS personnel.

The governor disclosed that Tenorio earlier showed him the proposal to convey the facility to DPS and even had a Google map of the site in the proposal.

Inos admitted that he made a mistake when he discussed letting the Northern Marianas Technical Institute have the facility. The governor said NMTI officials inspected the site and they liked it. Inos said he forgot to tell NMTI president Agnes McPhetres that he had already

agreed with Tenorio to turn over the compound to DPS.

The governor said the compound and the facilities are appropriate for DPS training and professional development to meet the operational needs of the department.

Tenorio disclosed that he had received unofficial proposals to convert the compound into a hotel, resort, hospital, and other projects.

Tenorio said he agrees with Inos that prime land should be saved for public purposes. For him, it's worth the sacrifice that one department gets the land and the facilities.

Tenorio said the facility needs only minor renovations.

He also commended Alex Sablan of Tan Holdings who served as custodian of the former FEBC facility. He said Tan Holdings maintained and protected the facility from burglars and copper wire thieves for three years.

Tan Holdings spent \$70,000 yearly or about \$200,000 for a three-year period to maintain and secure the facilities.

"In the end, we saved \$200,000 the past three years," Tenorio said.

He said it was a blessing to the government because it didn't have to worry about what to do with the facilities when FEBC did not renew its lease.

FEBC entered into a 25-year lease in August 1980 with the Marianas Public Land Corp., predecessor of MPLA, cover-

ing some 49,000 square meters of public land. The original 25-year lease commenced on Feb. 4, 1981. It expired in 2006.

DPS Commissioner Deleon Guerrero said the conveyance signifies a genuine and true testament of the administration's commitment toward the continued development of the public safety workforce.

"With a rapidly growing tourism industry, an accelerated pace in casino development and the constitutionality of the CNMI Weapons Control Act being brought before the U.S. courts, we in law enforcement have to be vigilant, prepared, ready to respond accordingly and to quickly adapt to developing circumstances," Deleon Guerrero said.

He said the Law Enforcement Training and Education Center will in the next several months offer a year-round training and education program for all DPS employees, including from Tinian and Rota.

He said DPS will partner with the Northern Marianas College to develop law enforcement and fire service academy programs that will produce cadets with associate degrees upon completion of their training.

For current employees, he said, a continuing education program will be offered toward obtaining a degree from NMC.

"These will all be extended to all CNMI law enforcement, regulatory and other public safety agency partners," he said.

Deleon Guerrero acknowledged that the plans are quite ambitious in nature and will take some time and money.

"But rest assured that when the management of this department make pledges, it is not just a promise, it is not just a commitment, it is policy," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said the conveyance of this expensive piece of real estate to DPS has put many smiles on the faces of the department's employees.

"It is boosting the morale of our department's employees. Officers, firefighters, and civilian general support employees are feeling proud of being a part of this department," he said. Additionally, Deleon Guerrero said, the compound will also become home to all specialized units that cater to a limited amount of clientele from the general public. These specialized units are those involved in tactics, rescue, special operations, intelligence gathering and dissemination, internal affairs and in providing general support services to first responders and investigative personnel.

He said all of these units are currently either in different satellite locations throughout the island or are cramped into fire stations, along with other critical first response service personnel throughout the island.

"The acquisition of this compound will change the status quo and allow for better coordinated efforts to occur amongst the department's five divisions,"

Deleon Guerrero said.

The commissioner urged all directors and commanders of DPS to immediately implement a rapid transition process for the relocation of all pre-identified functions to the new site, with the Special Enforcement Action Section of the Commonwealth State Police establishing occupancy by that evening, Friday.

Deleon Guerrero said the rest should follow suit and within the next two weeks, the closure of all satellite offices within Capital Hill should occur as

they will then begin the work of returning those buildings to the special assistant for administration for re-designation to other agencies in need.

He said only one of those buildings will be kept and maintained for future expansion of the community policing program.

On other issues, Deleon Guerrero said he will continue to work with the chief prosecutor and the Office of the Public Auditor in addressing the issue of case dismissals before the courts and past evidence mishandlings in the department.

Tang wants to release to Merrill Lynch info about Fund accounts

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NMI Settlement Fund Trustee Joyce C. H. Tang has asked the federal court to allow her to execute documents authorizing "third party advisors" to release information about the NMI Retirement Fund's accounts with its former investment consultant, Merrill Lynch, in connection with discovery in the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority proceeding.

The "third party advisors" are the NMI Retirement Fund board's former investment consultant, actuary consultant, and money managers.

Tang also asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to allow her to negotiate and limit the scope of the authorizations to preserve privileges and protections that parties are entitled to in the FINRA proceeding or under other applicable rules or law.

Merrill Lynch was the Fund board of trustees' investment consultant until 2010. During the time of the consultancy relationship, the value of Fund's assets reportedly declined substantially.

As a result, individual claimants Mariano Taitano, Roman T. Tudela, and Patricia Guerrero filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court against the Fund's board, Merrill Lynch, and unnamed others, alleging various causes of action for damages relating to the decline of the Fund's assets.

The Fund board subsequently assigned its potential claims against Merrill Lynch for damages to certain Fund members who were willing and able to litigate the claims.

The lawsuit in the Superior Court was then stayed and the matter was submitted for arbitration before FINRA.

Under the terms of the Betty Johnson's settlement agreement, the proceeds from the Merrill Lynch litigation will be assigned to the Settlement Fund.

Taitano, Tudela, and Guerrero are pursuing the assigned claims against Merrill Lynch on behalf of the Settlement Fund

members in the FINRA arbitration proceeding.

The claimants have requested the Settlement Fund to substitute them as claimants in the FINRA arbitration.

In her petition for instructions, Tang said as part of the pre-hearing discovery efforts in FINRA arbitration, Merrill Lynch is seeking documents from the Fund board's former investment consultant, actuary consultant, and money managers (third party advisors) that are not available to the Fund board.

Tang said although the "third party advisors" are not parties to the FINRA proceeding, Merrill Lynch has requested authorization for the advisors to disclose and release the requested information.

Specifically, Tang said, at the request of Merrill Lynch, the claimants have requested that the trustee of the Settlement Fund execute documents titled "Authorization for Release of Documents and Information."

Tang said the substance of these documents authorizes each "third party advisor" to release certain documents in its possession or control with respect to any accounts held by or on behalf of the Fund board.

Tang said the claimants have asked the trustee to execute the release authorizations.

As the proceeds of any recovery in the FINRA proceeding are now an asset of the Settlement Fund, Tang said the Settlement Fund has an interest in the successful prosecution of the claims.

Tang said it is not clear, however, from the terms of the Settlement Agreement whether assets of the Settlement Fund include records held by third parties pertaining to the management of the NMI Retirement Fund's assets under investment, or whether the trustee may allow any disclosure of these records.

Tang said in the event the court allows her to authorize the release of documents held by the "third party advisors," she should be given the authority to determine the scope of the information to be disclosed.

Parade caps first festival of cultures

A parade of cultures last Saturday capped the monthlong inaugural International Festival of Cultures, the newest signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Beginning at 5:30pm at the Carolinian Affairs Office in Gapan, the parade ended near the entrance of the Paseo de Marianas.

Tourists were drawn from T Galleria, I Love Saipan, and

other venues to the parade, with many taking pictures and video from the roadside.

Chamorro and Carolinian dancers led the parade, followed by the Saipan Awaodori Team, the Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas and representatives of the Marshall Islands, Tahiti, Marquesas Islands, Cook Islands, the Philip-

pines, American Samoa, Tonga, Bangladesh, and Fiji.

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio described the month-long event a success.

"We're talking with our partners and we want to see this every year. We are very happy with the result," he said.

He said the festival had been in the works for many years and

that they are happy that it finally took off this year.

He said they'll be sitting down with stakeholders to assess what they can add to next year's festival. "If the community has recommendations we welcome it," he added.

The parade ended at the Paseo de Marianas where the last night of the International Festival of Cultures took place. (Saipan Tribune)

CUC, DPW blame woman for Kagman road accident

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Department of Public Works are blaming a

woman for being negligent when a cut tree fell directly on top of a vehicle she was driving on Kagman Road. The woman, Patricia Aldan, is suing the two agencies for inju-

ries and damage she sustained in the accident.

In CUC's and DPW's answer to the lawsuit, CUC lawyer James S. Sirok and assistant attorney general David Lochabay, repre-

sending DPW, said that Aldan was negligent in that she drove the vehicle, without proper caution, into an area where there were workmen in safety vests and hard hats, caution cones in the road, a backhoe, work trucks, and other visible indicators of work in progress on or near the road.

Sirok and Lochabay said DPW personnel at the worksite exercised all due caution in directing traffic.

Sirok and Lochabay noted that at least two DPW personnel waved flags and shouted at Aldan's vehicle as it entered the work area.

Other than directing traffic, the lawyers said, DPW personnel were not involved in the tree trimming, which was ongoing at the worksite.

CUC, however, filed a cross-claim against DPW.

Sirok said DPW personnel

were assigned to control the traffic flow along a portion of Kagman Road for the purpose of ensuring the safety of motorists while CUC personnel were trimming trees nearby.

Sirok said DPW personnel had the responsibility and duty to CUC to ensure that the vehicle in which Aldan and her child were on did not continue along the road at the time CUC personnel were cutting tree limbs.

Sirok said in the event that it is proven by Aldan that DPW personnel did not comply with their responsibility and duty and were negligent in their conduct of controlling the traffic flow, then DPW is liable to CUC for any damages suffered by CUC.

Aldan and on behalf of her then-5-year-old child are suing CUC and DPW for negligence. Diego Cabrera, owner of the damaged vehicle, a 2005 Kia

Spectra, also joined in the lawsuit as co-plaintiff.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Mark A. Scoggins, asked the Superior Court to hold CUC and DPW liable to pay them unspecified damages.

According to the complaint, Aldan was driving the vehicle with her minor child as her passenger on Kagman Road on Feb. 4, 2013, shortly before 11am, when she heard shouting and saw a tree falling toward her car. Aldan slammed on the brakes, but could not avoid the falling tree. The tree fell directly on top of the car.

Scoggins said the vehicle was a total loss and that Aldan suffered physical injuries.

He said the Commonwealth was negligent and did not exercise due care in cutting trees and by directing traffic away from the tree work. He claimed there was no or insufficient personnel, and no barriers or signs to direct traffic.



SHIRLEY'S CLEANUP

Shirley's Coffee Shop employees, together with the Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball Team, hold a beach cleanup at the back of the Aquarius Hotel on Sept. 23, 2014, starting at 4:30pm.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-039

Opening Date: Monday, September 29, 2014

Closing Date: Friday, October 10, 2014

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CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

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Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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OCTOBER IS EDUCATION MONTH

CNMI leaders urged to 'invest in the future'

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Local investment in students, children, and the community's future were on the minds of leaders at the proclamation signing for Education Month on Friday.

"If I were a student I would ask myself: 'Is my education worth an investment of the Commonwealth?' We need to look at it from that perspective," Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero said after the proclamation signing.

On the voter's table next month is House Legislative Initiative 18-12, which guarantees a minimal funding of no less than 25 percent of local appropriations for the Public School System's budget.

Guerrero is inviting Commonwealth leaders to visit the schools.

He emphasized that "it's the adults that make the difference" when it comes to voting, and encouraged voters to approach education leaders if they want to learn more about the purpose of the initiative.

He pointed to PSS' push to have full-time kindergarten classes in all its schools.

Koblerville Elementary School or Garapan Elementary School are some of the schools that can only offer double-sessions during the day, for example, while San Vicente Elementary School and Kag-



Henry I. Sablan and Elizabeth Rechebai were honored for their years of service to the Public School System at the proclamation signing of Education Month on Friday.

man Elementary have full-day sessions.

"I believe there is inequity and I believe every child should have the benefits of full-kinder, and not just on a split session," Guerrero said.

Board member Tanya King echoed Guerrero's emphasis on investment.

"If you look at countries where students are excelling, the governments invest a tremendous [amount] of their revenue in education," she said. "The greatest investment that

we can possibly put is in our children."

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), who participated with students on Rota via videoconference, said the school system is where it is today through the contributions of its predecessors.

"The investment in education makes changes in generations after generations," he said. "If we are in the second generation of the Commonwealth and if we could make improvements in the education and lives

of our people now, the next generation of leadership, the

third generation, can do much more," he said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Friday deadline for Humanities Awards nominations

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council wishes to remind the public that the deadline for submitting nominations for the 2014 Governor's Humanities Awards is this Friday, Oct. 10, at 4:30pm.

Individuals and organizations may be nominated in one of five categories: Research and Publication in the Humanities; Preservation of CNMI History; Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices; Outstanding Humanities Teacher (both in and outside of the classroom); and Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities.

Nomination forms and instructions are available on the council's website, www.northernmarianashumanities.org, or at the council's office in Gualo Rai.

Awards will be presented during an evening ceremony on Oct. 23.

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. (NMI Humanities Council)

Anti-measles vaccination for MHS students

The Division of Public Health, in partnership with the Public School System, is requiring all Marianas High School students to be vaccinated for measles, even if they were previously vaccinated. Division staff will be on campus all day on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the MHS Gymnasium.

Letter and permission slip from DPH were given to all MHS students last Friday. Make sure that you fill them out and submit them to your child's Language Arts teacher. If you decide not to allow your

child to get this vaccination, you must submit a letter to Ms. Cabrera, MHS principal, stating your reasons and attach any supporting documents. Otherwise, the permission slips are due on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014. Please contact the school at 237-3206 for any questions. (MHS)

JKPL to host ukulele class for beginners

Ukulele class for beginners is open for registration at the Joteten Kiyu Public Library. The class will be taught every Thursday for eight sessions from Oct. 16 to Dec. 4. It will be from 4pm to 5pm. The minimum age requirement is 8 years old. Adults are welcome. A \$50 prepayment is required.

Students must provide their own ukuleles and a folder to hold music sheets and parents or guardians must sign a liability waiver form on behalf of their participating children who are minors and also must adhere to the public library policies and procedures.

Deadline to register is on Oct. 11 and it is on a first-come, first-paid basis. The minimum enrollment is 15 students and maximum is 40. For more information contact JKPL at 235-7316, 235-7322 and ask for Erlinda Naputi. (PR)

UOG reopens at 1pm, classes and activities cancelled

The University of Guam opened at 1pm yesterday (Monday, Oct. 6), and all employees were asked to report for duty. All classes and activities remained cancelled/postponed for the day. Classes and normal operations will resume today, Oct. 7. For more information, contact

Former education commissioner Elizabeth D. Rechebai, who was at the event, said, "PSS has come a long way" since her time.

Another former education commissioner, Henry I. Sablan, called their generation "the carvers of the canoe of education." He noted the constraints in the government with its many obligations and minimal budget but also said "there is no excuse" for leaders not to provide the most for the education of children.

This year's theme for Education Month is "Grab the Wheels of Education...Steer your Way to Success."

The month's events will culminate on Oct. 24, Education Day, when the CNMI Teacher of the Year is announced that day.

Initially slated for Oct. 1, the proclamation was pushed back due to last's week typhoon watch.

Jonas Macapinlac at jmacapinlac@uguam.uog.edu. (UOG)

Update from CHCC EOC

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has issued an "All Clear" for the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. As such, CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muna directed all clinics to resume services at 1pm yesterday, Oct. 6, 2014. For more information, call the CHCC operator at 234-8950. (CHCC)

Free screening of new documentary

Voices of the Marianas will be screening a new documentary about the making of an improvisational play. Titled What We Really Think, the documentary is directed by Barbara Sher and features Marianas High School students as the cast and Galvin Deleon Guerrero as the videographer. The documentary will be shown at the American Memorial Park on Oct. 17, at 7pm. It's free and open to the public. (PR)

Saipan Little League membership meeting pushed back

The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc.'s general membership meeting has been pushed back for Oct. 8, 2014, 5:30pm at the Ada Gym Pavilion. Managers, coaches, parents and all interested individuals are invited to attend. (PR)

FOA membership meeting on Oct. 14

The Friends of the Arts will hold its first membership meeting of the year on Oct. 14, 6:30pm to 9pm, at the Canton Chinese Restaurant, across from the Mobil/McDonald's in Garapan. Members and supporters of FOA are invited to attend. (FOA)

Empowerment forum to feature female candidates

Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation believes that empowering women empowers families and the community as a whole, therefore EVM wishes to invite the public to attend a Women Empowerment Fundraiser Forum, at the Pacific Islands Club on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, at 5pm and will include dinner and entertainment.

As part of our mission to educate and empower women an in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the female candidates in the 2014 general election will be the guest speakers in the forum. Others guests of honor are also invited.

The female candidates will discuss the role of women in government and as community leaders in the CNMI. It is

also an opportunity to give the CNMI's women leaders the platform to state why they seek election and what they can do for the community and hopefully spur more women to consider leadership and community development.

Each candidate will be given an opportunity to answer predetermined questions (the topics will cover domestic and sexual violence, education, job opportunities, and other challenges facing the community).

Among the candidates who have confirmed their participation and their support are Jovita Maratita Taimanao (Senate, Rota), Janet Ulloa Maratita (Senate, Saipan), Antonia Manibusan Tudela (Municipal Council, Saipan),

Rose Nelly Taman Ada-Hocog (House, Precinct 1), Felicidad Taman Ogumoro (House, Precinct 3), and Lareina Castro Camacho (Municipal Council, Saipan).

Dr. Esther Kanajorn of the Commonwealth Health Center will be providing a special entertainment. Kanajorn assists the foundation by coordinating free medical screening with other providers on the island.

Tickets to the 2014 Women's Empowerment Forum is \$30 per person and will help raise funds for EVM programs for Saipan and abroad. Tickets are available at the Empty Vessel office, Pacific Island Club, and female candidates offices. You can reach EVM at 483-0162. (EVM)

A free class about Japanese culture

The Consular Office of Japan on Saipan will organize a class about Japanese culture. Any interested person is kindly requested to register your name by Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, by contacting the Saipan Register at cojsf@ag.mofa.go.jp.

The class will be open to just 12 people on the first-come, first-served basis.

The class will be held on

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, from 3pm to 4:30pm, at the conference room of the Consular Office of Japan on the second floor of the Bank Hawaii Building, Mariana Heights Business Park, Puerto Rico, Saipan.

The class will feature a lecture on the nature of Japanese culture, haiku (Japanese poetry), origami (paper folding), Japan video topics, etc. (PR)



Haiku (Japanese poetry) class held in September.

Guam activists on Pagan issue: Lawsuit an option

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With local concern growing over the proposed military use of Pagan Island, the CNMI could look to Guam, where in 2010 the U.S. Department of Defense was sued over their preferred use of Pagat, an ancient Chamorro settlement, for live-fire training.

"The CNMI has a lot to learn from the strategy that we took, [which] wasn't so much a strategy as really just staying involved through the entire [National Environmental Protection Act] process from start to finish," Ana Maria Won Pat-Borja, a Guam lawyer, told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Guam Preservation Trust, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and We Are Guahan sued the Department of Defense in November 2010 over its environmental impact statement that named Pagat as the preferred site for the building of a complex of firing ranges.

The lawsuit claimed the military failed to adequately consider alternative locations that would have less of an impact on the environment and historic sites, and further alleged the military failed to adequately examine the environmental consequences of its actions, according to an Associated Press article.

Borja was a We Are Guahan

activist and an intern for the law firm SNR Denton at the time.

Borja said a lawsuit is not necessarily the exact route the CNMI should take, but noted that in Guam they first did everything they felt they could do until "options were exhausted 'til there were none."

"What I encourage the CNMI to do is to be actively involved right from the very beginning, during the scoping process, through the EIS commenting period, the final EIS, and the record of decision, [and] then when that doesn't work out, then through a lawsuit," Borja said.

In Guam, the lawsuit led Defense in 2013 to agree to prepare a supplemental EIS, essentially restarting the NEPA process so that other alternative sites could be considered.

"We were fortunate enough to have the result that we wanted, which was to take Pagat off the table," Borja said.

The scoping period for the proposed firing ranges on Pagan and Tinian closed in 2013, with a final scoping summary report released in August of that year.

Currently the military is preparing the environmental impact statement/overseas environmental impact statement for the potential effects of live-fire military training on Pagan and Tinian.

The NEPA process takes

about three years, with the scoping period and EIS entailed and a final decision scheduled for release in 2015.

'Genuine dialogue'

Joseph Corteza, another We Are Guahan activist, said that a problem that may be faced here and in Guam is that the community is not as informed as it should be.

Certeza was a community organizer during the Pagat issue and recalled one problem faced then was the language Defense presented during the NEPA process.

He said Guam was given 11,000 documents to sift through by the department.

"Not many people on Guam or Saipan can understand that jargon. You think about the time constraint, you're given only 60 days to do commenting, but also the magnitude of documents given to the community," he said.

Because of this, he emphasized "good, genuine dialogue" within the community as well as being involved as early as possible in the process.

"Whatever is happening here on Saipan and NMI and in Gani [Northern islands], [it is] pretty much your responsibility, it is up to you to decide if you want to give up these islands or not, and I hope everyone protects these islands because they are sacred," he said.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-040

Opening Date: Monday, September 29, 2014
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Trades Technician (Electrician)

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SALARY : \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum.

POSITIONS : Four (4).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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Trades Technician (Mechanic)

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SALARY : \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum.

POSITIONS : Nine (9)

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Trades Technician (Operator)

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SALARY : \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum.

POSITIONS : Five (5).

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The nation-rattling havoc one man can wreak

"The man who jumped over the White House fence and sprinted through the main floor of the mansion could have gotten even farther had it not been for an off-duty Secret Service agent who was coincidentally in the house and leaving for the night. ...He happened to be walking through the house when chaos broke out and the intruder dashed through the main foyer ..."
—The Washington Post, Sept. 30, 2014.

First, we thank the off-duty Secret Service agent for doing on Sept. 19 what several on-duty agents had not: He tackled an intruder, armed with a knife, who walked in the front door of the White House, flouting five rings of security.

So much for all those reassurances through the years about rooftop agents armed with sniper rifles, missiles and fail-safe judgment. On Tuesday, we also learned, from the (now former) head of the service herself, that before Omar Gonzalez displayed his track-and-field skills, at least two of her uniformed officers recognized him from Aug. 25, when he had been stopped near a fence south of the White House while carrying ... a small hatchet.

What's most remarkable is that by one metric this systemic blunder is only the most egregious in a long list: Gonzalez apparently is at least the 29th person in the last 40 years to have breached the White House perimeter—alone. And we're not counting the uninvited social climbers who notoriously waltzed through two security checkpoints at a 2009 state dinner for India's prime minister and, after waiting their turn, shook hands with President Barack Obama. Nor are we counting the toddler who, on Aug. 7, squeezed through a White House gate and was returned to his parents.

Throughout our history, our headlines and our popular culture most often have warned us to beware of ill-inspired groups, from the outlaw gangs of the Old West and the Ku Klux Klan to today's al-Qaida, Russian gangsters and the Islamic State. Time and again, though, one-off acts such as that of Gonzalez show us the astonishing power of the individual to wreak varying degrees of mayhem. A lone national security worker, having pirated supposedly sacrosanct computer data, flees the U.S. to expose spy programs. A lone man allegedly bent on suicide causes enough damage to disrupt days of air travel. And in scenes repeated nightly in Chicago, a lone gunman tugs a trigger, hoping he's skilled enough to snuff out another life.

We don't equate the culpability of these and other individuals who break ranks and cause havoc: Some are nitwits, some are brilliant, most have led lives that are variations on average. Their motives are grounded in excesses that range from anger to derangement, from revenge to sabotage, from visceral grudges to misguided mischief. What typically empowers them is their very aloneness: A squad of terrorist intruders has less chance of invading the White House than does one man guided by a goofy muse that the front door might be unlocked.

If you're waiting for the passage where we opine that we cannot stop every squirrely plot and thus always risk being vic-

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How important is voting?

By **JOEL MATHIS AND BEN BOYCHUK**
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The midterm elections are just a few weeks away, and one of the traditional democratic virtues—voting—suddenly seems under fire. “Girls” star Lena Dunham offered a treatise urging voter turnout: “When you vote, you feel so, so good.”

That prompted snorts of derision from conservative writer Kevin Williamson, who responded that “Voting is the most shallow gesture of citizenship there is.” He urged readers to start a business or join the Marines as a clearer show of commitment.

Is voting important? Why or why not? Joel Mathis and Ben Boychuk, the RedBlueAmerica columnists, debate the issue.

JOEL MATHIS

It's probably not true that conservatives hold voting in such little regard. It's the Democratic votes for which they have contempt.

They've shown it in their actions in recent years—first, through a series of state-level Voter ID laws that do very little to solve (almost nonexistent) fraud at the polls, but do make it harder for traditional Democratic constituencies like the poor and minorities to get out and vote. They've worked hard to shrink the number of states and municipalities where early voting is available, thus ensuring the act of voting is inconvenient and (because it comes during the workweek in most places) ill-timed.

And, oh yeah, they were for the Supreme Court decision that eviscerated the Voting Rights Act, despite Congress' determination it was still needed. And yes, all of these activities seemed geared to suppressing Democratic turnout.

So comments that voting is the “least consequential” act of citizenship seem like more of the same.

You know who would've disagreed with that assessment? The hundreds of thousands of African Americans who participated in the Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s, enduring beatings, dog attacks, and imprisonment in order to gain the democratic power that their white neighbors already had.

You know who would have disagreed with that assessment? The many white sheriffs, policemen, business leaders and others who unleashed attack dogs, fire hoses, and murder upon those Civil Rights protesters. They didn't commit such atrocities because they thought voting was meaningless or nearly so.

And you know who else probably would have disagreed

with that assessment? The Founders, who started a revolution over some blather about “no taxation without representation.”

It is true that voting is not the end-all, be-all of citizenship. But it is a foundational act of citizenship in a democratic society. Those who tell you otherwise? Probably have an agenda that depends on you staying home.

BEN BOYCHUK

Voting may be a civic duty, but not voting is a civic virtue if you have no clue what you're voting for.

Americans' ignorance of public affairs is a well-trod topic. Americans' knowledge deficit about how their government works is a decade-spanning scandal. And that civic ignorance is growing.

How so? Have a look at last month's poll by the Annenberg Public Policy Center, which highlights the “surprising uncertainty”—to put it charitably—of Americans when it comes to rudimentary civic knowledge. Among the more depressing details: respondents seem to know less in 2014 than they knew when the poll was last taken in 2011.

If you happen to be among the 35 percent of American adults who cannot name even one of the three branches of the federal government, you should not be voting. If you are among the 21 percent of Americans who thinks that a 5-4 Supreme Court decision is sent back to Congress for a do-over, you should not be voting. If you couldn't pick your state's two U.S. senators out of a line up, at least Google them—then stay home on Election Day.

Annenberg concludes that the solution to civic ignorance is more civic education. Fair enough. I've written words to that effect countless times over the past 20 years, usually after the results of the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress civics exam appear.

The results were always the same: roughly three-quarters of high-school seniors—young people on the cusp of voting age—were “not proficient.” The Obama administration had a novel remedy for this embarrassment: it cancelled the test for high school seniors after the 2010 results came out.

It's easy to assert that the courageous men and women who marched for civil rights a half-century ago would be insulted by the idea of discouraging people from voting. But at least they took the franchise seriously. In a democratic-republic, ignorance isn't bliss. It's an invitation to tyranny.

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Revisiting Iraq: What didn't the president know?

For weeks, Official Washington has been combining an essential national security inquiry on why the Islamic State's troops scored such quick successes in Iraq and Syria with its traditional midterm election Blame Game.

Our task today is to put the security quest back on track—and derail the political game-playing. Just this once.

Washington's in-depth inquiry has come down to this: What didn't the president know, and when didn't he know it?

Yes, Republicans and Democrats have basically just been re-working the Watergate query posed so famously by the late Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker ("What did the president know, and when did he know it?").

And that really wasn't a bad thing—as long as our Famous Names stayed focused on our national security and didn't wander off in hot pursuit of their political security. After all, we are talking about the sort of gains by terrorists and beheaders—and defeat-by-surrender of troops we armed and trained—that we once considered unthinkable. When Islamic State troops rolled into their land, the Iraqis that America trained dropped the weapons we gave them and ran away.

So Washington's Famous Names began investigating—and of course that degenerated into the traditional posturing and posterior-protecting at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. White House spokespersons have spoken of a failure of intelligence. Intelligence officials have declared, usually camouflaged by anonymity, that they warned President Obama's team about the strength and danger of Islamic State. Then, from the campaign trail in their home states, Obama's congressional critics criticized; and Obama's defenders defended (sort of, in most cases, for that's not a popular thing to do these days).

But we need to return to the real crisis half a world away. The one

that has allowed the Islamic State's troops, terrorists and beheaders to gain strength and remain unrestrained in Syria and Iraq—harbors from which they may someday potentially menace the entire region and the West. Unless we reverse their good fortunes.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant came together in 2013, a terrorist force mobilizing in the power vacuum that was Syria. (It later renamed itself merely "the Islamic State.") Only recently did it emerge as a force seeking to capture and hold territory.

On January 1 of this year, its troops motored into Iraq's city of Falluja and much of Ramadi. On February 11, Defense Intelligence Agency Director Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn told a Senate hearing: "ISIL probably will attempt to take territory in Iraq and Syria in 2014, as demonstrated recently in Ramadi and Falluja."

Recent news coverage and the blogosphere is studded with comments from anonymous intelligence officials who say they warned the Obama administration of the potential danger of the Islamic State. In Congress, some Obama's critics are now making those so-called warnings seem more urgent and prescient than they were. Indeed, most on-the-record assessments were generalized, lacked urgency, and didn't command a commander-in-chief to take military action that might have blunted the Islamic State's successes.

But occasionally, true candor emerged at high levels. On Sept. 18, the National Security Agency's director, Adm. Michael Rogers, told a symposium he wished the intelligence community had grasped and emphasized the Islamic State's change "from an insurgency to an organization that was now also focused on holding ground territory."

Rogers added: "If I'm honest with myself... It's an area we talked about, but in hindsight, I wish we had been a little—I'll only speak

By **MARTIN SCHRAM**

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for me and for N.S.A.—I wish we'd been a little stronger about."

So what didn't President Obama know?

Lots. Perhaps the most clear-eyed public account of what the president was told by his intelligence analysts—and what he wasn't told—was provided by Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, in a September 17 telephone interview with Washington Post columnist David Ignatius.

According to Ignatius, Clapper said his office's assessments reported Islamic State's "prowess and capability." Clapper said his team had noted the Iraqi army's "deficiencies"—but then added candidly a key factor his reports never covered:

"What we didn't do was predict the will to fight. That's always a problem. ... In this case, we underestimated ISIL and overestimated the fighting capability of the Iraqi army. ... I didn't see the collapse of the Iraqi security force in the north coming. I didn't see that."

There is much for which President Obama can be criticized in his handling of war and peace in the Middle East. But America's failure to move aggressively to defeat Islamic State is a failure that merits bipartisan—indeed nonpartisan—blame that all must share.

Solid test scores aren't a sign that poverty has been cured

In the fall of 2010, after a 14-year hiatus from the classroom, I began a one-year job filling in for a teacher on leave from the same rural Vermont high school that I'd entered as a rookie 30 years before.

Almost from my first day, I was moved by the sight of what had always been a good school straining to be a better one. Multiple tutoring centers did a brisk business at every period and not infrequently after the buses had gone for the day. Hardly a week went by when teachers were not summoned to an early-morning meeting to discuss an individual student's progress. Study halls no longer functioned as de facto prep periods for their faculty minders or as down-time for sleepy kids. Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the boy who woke at 2 in the morning to do his barn chores no longer had a place to lay his head.

By all official measures, the school was succeeding. Ranked as the state's poorest on the basis of the number of its students eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches, Lake Region Union High School was outperforming many of its more affluent competitors on standardized tests. The year before I returned, its writing scores were the highest in the state. The next year, the free-and-reduced-lunch students performed above the state average in reading, writing, math and science on the New England Common Assessment Program exams.

I threw myself into the mission with as much gusto as a man can summon in late middle age. I did my best to coach for the NE-CAPs—yes, we took time away from our lesson plans to do some teaching to the test—and resolved to keep my skepticism about the ultimate value of the tests to myself. There were good reasons for doing so. I knew that voters in the community were likelier to approve the school budget if the tests results were good. I also knew that some of the kids I coached and cajoled would go on to surmount the social conditions that stood in their way. I knew this because a few of them always had.

But I also knew the school's sincere efforts were in the service of a cynical agenda. The battle cry of the school reform movement, that "poverty should never be an excuse for poor academic achievement," all too often masks the blithe conviction that good academic achievement can serve as an excuse for poverty. As long as the test scores are at par, you see, we need not be overly concerned if the pantries are bare, the parents jobless or jailed, and the gap between rich and poor more appalling than it's been since 1928.

In the same county where Lake Region is achieving its impressive test results, an estimated 1 in 4 children is "food insecure." It's a phrase that tries the imaginations of those who have the luxury of spicing their security with complaint. "What to cook for dinner, always such a dilemma." Imagine waking up in a state of food insecurity and going to school to take a standardized test.

Imagine how you'll feel if your school is judged to be failing because of you.

Not to worry, though, because the hunger goes away just as soon as you've performed at grade level or are enrolled in an Advanced Placement course. And within a few short years, you'll be getting the math right when you divvy up your unemployment check after your job at the furniture mill has been outsourced or the family farm auctioned off.

In one of my classes was a girl who'd been rescued the previous winter from an unheated trailer behind her grandparents' house. She was a tough and determined kid, intelligent, ready to seek extra help, not afraid to speak out in class, almost never behind in her homework. I happen not to know her standardized test scores, but it's reasonable to assume that her better-than-average application resulted in a performance that was at least on a par with the better-than-average test scores of her school. It is far less reasonable to assume that those test scores significantly improved her lot. They certainly didn't improve her grandparents' lot. They did nothing to allay the economic conditions that made her every achievement in school outrageously more difficult for her than it had to be.

No matter how dedicated, teachers alone cannot change conditions that will take nothing short of a revolution to change. I didn't have to teach for a year in a "high-performing" rural high school to recognize the obscenity of using "failing schools" to ignore the implications of a broken democracy. Or to recognize the moral

By **GARRET KEIZER**

Los Angeles Times

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futility of being charged with the task of creating "a level playing field" so that society can sort its winners and losers with a clearer conscience and a colder eye.

Of course, I can bear witness to the impressive academic achievements of students from impoverished backgrounds. So can many other teachers, and they should. To withhold one's applause for the sake of advocating broader social progress is to insult those students and their struggles. It is also to forfeit what may be our best challenge to a society of mounting inequality.

After all, if food-insecure 16-year-olds can master a prescribed curriculum, then what is the excuse of the richest nation in the world for failing to master the common core of a livable wage, a color-blind legal system and a society in which the word "class" refers to a course you take and not to chances you never had?

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tims, this is it. With this codicil:

Even as a superpower, the U.S. cannot stop every global evil. But we have chosen—over years, decades, centuries—to stand up to some brutality, the better to discourage other brutality. Friends and foes worldwide have spent 238 years discerning that America generally is vigilant, diligent, resolved. Yet the shocks of Sept. 11, 2001, managed to smack one generation the way Pearl Harbor smacked another in 1941, and the way P.G.T. Beauregard's bombardment of Fort Sumter smacked another in 1861.

As individuals, too, we cannot stop every evil. But 9/11 reawakened an American sensibility not witnessed broadly since World War II: If each of us is vigilant, diligent, resolved in our daily movements and encounters, we just might be able to stand up to something nefarious, or discourage something nefarious. In New York City and elsewhere, the civic imperative has been reduced to six crisp words: If you see something, say something.

The intent is obvious—to help each of us subordinate the impulse

to think that something bizarre or threatening or merely out of place probably isn't a problem waiting to happen. Too often, though, it is. Poking fun at the Secret Service is America's new parlor game. But what's most alarming in the Sept. 19 incident isn't that Gonzalez made it into the White House, but rather Tuesday's disclosure that two guards recognized him before he entered the grounds. Given that, how did Gonzalez get as far as he did? We hope to learn more about what did, and what didn't, happen in the succeeding seconds and minutes.






This said, the White House incident also demonstrates why vigilance, diligence and resolve are often rewarded. The Washington Post's reporting that Gonzalez had been able to sprint past a stairway that leads up half a flight to the first family's living quarters is alarming. What's heartening is that one off-duty agent, who had just seen Obama family members depart by helicopter, was vigilant enough, diligent enough and resolute enough to take down Gonzalez.

May each of us, in our own small ways, take our own intelligent measures to keep one another safe.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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Micronesia

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Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼80
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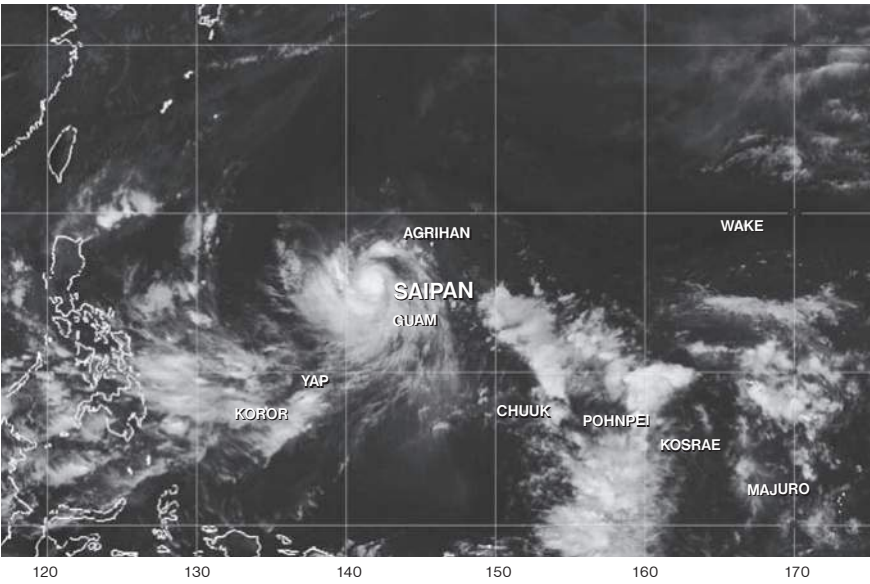
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Hong Kong	Sunny	▲83 ▼74
Honolulu	Showers	▲86 ▼76
London	Showers	▲60 ▼51
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲92 ▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼75
Melbourne	Showers	▲62 ▼47
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼76
New York	Sunny	▲70 ▼62
Osaka	Sunny	▲73 ▼57
Paris	Showers	▲62 ▼57
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲72 ▼60
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼62
Salem	Sunny	▲84 ▼56
San Francisco	Sunny	▲78 ▼58
Seoul	Sunny	▲71 ▼49
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼60
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲75 ▼60

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:22 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet	
7:12 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	
1:36 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	
7:40 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Vongfong (19W) is centered about 195 miles northwest of Guam at 15N143E and moving toward west-northwest at 21 mph with maximum sustained winds of 90 mph. Numerous heavy showers and a few thunderstorms from the Marianas westward are between 18N and 11N from 139E to 146E. For more information on Typhoon Vongfong, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough runs eastward from across 12N130E through Typhoon Vongfong at 15N143E then southeastward to a weak circulation near Pohnpei at 5N159E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Republic of Palau and Yap State are between 11N and 5N from 130E to 140E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from east of the Marianas and north of Chuuk southeastward across Pohnpei State and southward to the equator are in areas within 150 miles of a line from 14N150E to 10N157E and between 10N and the equator from 155E to 162E. Converging trade winds are triggering scattered showers northeast of Majuro to the east of a line from 12N165E to 7N168E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:02 PM
Wednesday	6:08 AM	6:02 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:03 PM	4:34 AM
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
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UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via Guam	PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via Guam
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UA5068/183	8:40am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ICN
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA184/5077	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5041	11:30pm	6:35pm+1	5 via GUM
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OZ606/723	2:20am	12:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:40am	2:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:50am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 6 via ICN
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UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
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OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:40pm	7 via ICN	UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:35pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
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				UA180/5043	9:55pm	10:20pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

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NMI Judiciary holds attorney admissions ceremony



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Top row: U.S. District Court Clerk of Court/Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, Justice John A. Manglona, Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Justice Perry B. Inos, Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, Judge Joseph N. Camacho, Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio. Bottom row: Chong Man Won, Charles P. Reyes Jr., Shelli Latrice Neal, Claire Maureen Kelleher-Smith, Charity Rebekah Hodson, Oliver Manalang Manglona.

The CNMI Judiciary held an attorney admissions ceremony on Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, in the Commonwealth Supreme Court at the Guma' Hustisia. The special proceeding was opened by Nora V. Borja, acting clerk of the Supreme Court, and Daisy Mendiola, acting clerk of the Superior Court. Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro greeted the new attorneys' family, friends, and colleagues. In his remarks, the chief justice reminded the new attorneys of their special opportunities and responsibilities.

In attendance for the CNMI Judiciary were associate justices John A. Manglona and Perry B. Inos; Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja; and associate judges Kenneth L. Govendo, Joseph N. Camacho, and Teresa

K. Kim-Tenorio.

Heather L. Kennedy, Clerk of Court and Magistrate Judge for the Federal District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, delivered the special remarks. She related how she had found personal inspiration from a

quote by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who visited the CNMI in 2012. Kennedy, quoting Sotomayor, said: "We educated and privileged lawyers have a professional and moral duty to represent the underrepresented in our soci-

ety, to ensure that justice exists for all, both legal and economic justice." Accordingly, Kennedy urged the new attorneys to infuse their practices everyday with the concepts of justice, fairness, and help for others, as well as being the lawyer that



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Admitted were, from left to right, Charity Rebekah Hodson, Claire Maureen Kelleher-Smith, Oliver Manalang Manglona, Shelli Latrice Neal, Charles P. Reyes Jr. and Chong Man Won.



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Heather L. Kennedy, Clerk of Court and Magistrate Judge for the Federal District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, delivered the special remarks.

they and their community can be proud of.

Jeanne Rayphand, the CNMI Bar Association secretary, presented to the Judiciary the applicants who were eli-

gible for admission to the Bar Association because they had recently passed the required examinations to practice law in the Commonwealth. (*NMI Judiciary*)

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The inaugural flight of Jeju Air from Seoul to Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands is greeted with a traditional water salute upon landing at the Saipan International Airport on Oct. 1, 2014.

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Jeju Air launches Seoul-Saipan flights

Jeju Air, Korea's largest low-cost carrier airline, launched direct daily flights from Seoul to Saipan on Oct. 1.

Jeju Air's 7C3402 took off on its inaugural flight from Incheon International Airport to Saipan at 9:30am and achieved a load factor of over 96 percent with 179 passengers on board, including Jeju Air CEO Ken Choi.

"Jeju Air is the first LCC to service the Northern Mariana Islands, and we are excited about the opportunities this opens up in terms of arrivals from Korea and, to a lesser extent, from Russia via Korea," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio. "We are very grateful to Jeju Air for commencing this partnership



Jeju Air, Korea's largest low-cost carrier, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Saipan International Airport on Oct. 2, 2014, to mark the airline's inaugural flight from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, back to Seoul. Pictured from left are MVA Korea Rep Irene Lee, Marianas Visitors Authority Managing Director Perry Tenorio, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Governor Eloy S. Inos, Jeju Air CEO Ken Choi, and Jeju Saipan Station Manager Yu Seok Kim.

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with us, and we look forward to building a long and lasting relationship."

As of the latest available statistics through August 2014, the Northern Marianas had received 101,521 visitors from Korea, comprising 30 percent of total visitor arrivals.

Passengers were greeted by flight attendants with the island greeting "hafa adai" and received a discount voucher to T-Galleria. This special offer will be provided on the plane until the end of this year. Upon their arrival in Saipan, passengers were welcomed with shell leis presented by local young women in traditional costume.

A welcome reception hosted by Marianas Visitors Authority

was held at Hyatt Regency Saipan in the evening, celebrating Jeju Air's inaugural flights with the attendance of VIPs from the government, the private sector, and Jeju Air. A brief ceremony and ribbon cutting with CNMI Gov. Eloy S. Inos was also held at Saipan International Airport on Oct. 2 for the airline's inaugural flight from Saipan to Seoul.

Jeju Air will operate daily flights to Saipan with Boeing 737-800 aircraft departing at 9:30am Monday through Thursday and on Saturday. The flight on Friday and Sunday are scheduled at 8am from Incheon International Airport. Flying from Saipan International Airport to Incheon, the flight is scheduled to depart at 4pm Monday through Thursday and on Saturday, while the flight leaves at 2:40pm on Friday and Sunday.

In conjunction with the launch, Jeju Air has organized a Saipan Task Force Team until Nov. 30, 2014, and has plans to introduce the indigenous culture of the Northern Marianas through various entertainments on the flights. (MVA)



CNMI Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left, and Jeju Air CEO Ken Choi cut a celebratory cake at the Saipan International Airport to mark the airline's inaugural flight from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, back to Seoul on Oct. 2, 2014.

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AFTER MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS ON SAIPAN

Saipan SandCastle illusionist duo heads for Guam

Zubrick Magic & Illusion is thrilled to reveal their next headlining engagement scheduled to premiere next year at the luxurious SandCastle Dinner Theatre, a division of the Baldyga Group on the island of Guam. This announcement comes near the completion of a successful 7 ½-year run as the headlining entertainment at the SandCastle Saipan.

Since 2007, Chris and Ryan have co-produced and headlined "The Magic of Saipan" at the SandCastle Saipan inside the Hyatt Regency Saipan. The island of Saipan is located in the Northern Mariana Islands and is a premier vacation destination for many Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Russian tourists. Their show was selected as "Best Show on Island" for seven consecutive years running. Chris and Ryan, having performed over 4,000 shows on Saipan, thrill and excite audiences from all over the world. (That's over 68,000 costume changes!)

Beginning in April 2015, Chris and Ryan will be the featured artists and star in the SandCastle Guam's gorgeous 500-seat dinner theatre for the next five years. Their show will entice international audiences from the moment they step on stage until the final curtain falls. From intimate sleight-of-hand to stunning grand illusion, this magical duo guarantees to deliver even greater adventures in a world filled with mystical illusion and intoxicating magic.

Although the details of their new show in Guam have yet to be unveiled, Chris and Ryan have been collaborating with Baldyga Group's director of Entertainment, Chuck McCarroll, and the show's artistic director/choreographer, Christopher Childers, to create a breathtak-



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Since 2007, Chris and Ryan have co-produced and headlined "The Magic of Saipan" at the SandCastle Saipan inside the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

ing performance.

"It was an easy decision to bring Zubrick Magic & Illusion to Guam," said McCarroll. "Their performance has grown leaps and bounds during the last 7½ years on Saipan and I look forward to seeing their continued success on the Guam stage!"

A sneak peek inside the pre-production meetings uncovers a show that will feature Chris and Ryan's unique theatrical style reminiscent of the legendary Las Vegas showmanship from years gone by.

Ryan Zubrick offered these

tidbits, "We know that it will be a throwback to the old Las Vegas-style revue shows, complete with showgirls in feathers

and majestic Bengal tigers."

Chris Zubrick echoed those sentiments as he added, "We're delighted to be working closely

with Las Vegas-based illusion builder Tim Clothier to design and construct extraordinary props, illusions and set design

2007 Alumknight lands job with tech firm GoPro

A 2007 Mount Carmel School AlumKnight, Christian Lam, recently landed a job with GoPro, the international tech company known for its portable cameras. Lam secured the job after also earning a rare internship with the tech giant.

Lam's official position with GoPro is that of analytics developer, which requires tremendous technical skill. His position has him developing applications that allow businesses to visualize their data with dashboards containing charts and graphs that change in real time. In the position, he also develops frameworks for monitoring the quality of that data, for ensuring that the data used in the dashboards is complete and accurate. To fulfill these duties, he has learned to utilize numerous coding languages, including Structured Query Language (SQL), Python, JavaScript, Bash Scripting, Tableau, HTML, and CSS.

Despite his technical expertise, Lam had not originally planned on pursuing information technology while enrolled at San Francisco State University. However, Lam credited his parents with supporting him.

"I am very fortunate and thankful for having parents that believed in me and supported the choices I made," Lam said.



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Mount Carmel School AlumKnight, Christian Lam has also kept busy as a cyclist, competing in several cycling competitions around the world, the most recent of which included GoPro as a co-sponsor.

"I changed my major from Anthropology to Information Systems three years into my college career. The two majors are completely unrelated so the result was me having to do another two and a half years of schooling with challenging projects and all-nighters."

That decision to switch majors, however, proved fruitful. As Lam put it, "I feel it was

the best decision I have made thus far. The hard work definitely paid off."

Lam also credited his alma mater with preparing him for his job. In particular, "The one class that I feel has helped me most throughout both my time in college and in the workforce was public speaking taught by Mr. G. The skills I gained from his public speaking class also

elements."

SandCastle Guam opened its doors in 1990 and has featured many exceptional magicians over the years including Tim Kole, The Majestics, Mark Kalin and Jinger, Rick Thomas, and now welcomes illusionists Chris and Ryan of Zubrick Magic & Illusion to the stage.

The SandCastle Guam is conveniently located in the heart of Tumon village, Guam's tourist district affectionately known as "Pleasure Island." Guam is the largest of the Mariana Island chain in the Western Pacific and is a popular vacation destination for Japanese, Korean and Russian travelers.

Zubrick Magic & Illusion's performance at the SandCastle Guam is a must-see if ever you have the opportunity to visit the beautiful tropical island. In the meantime, visit www.ZubrickMagic.com to get a sneak peek at their performance that is timeless, fast-paced, classic and cutting edge all at once. From transforming tigers to the traditional Sawing-a-Woman-in-Half; from their world-renowned Triple Levitation and the perilous Table-of-Death; Chris and Ryan will have you laughing out loud, holding your breath in anticipation, and sitting on the edge of your seat throughout their unparalleled performance. (PR)

crossed over into doing presentations for class and interviewing skills."

The "Mr. G" Lam referred to is the school president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, who expressed great pride over Lam's accomplishment. "His success reminds us all to live by the mantra I have posted on my office wall: Do what you love and love what you do."

Beyond his success at GoPro, Lam has also kept busy as a cyclist, competing in several cycling competitions around the world, the most recent of which included GoPro as a co-sponsor.

Lam joins GoPro just as the company is expanding, with its stock surging 30 percent to \$31.34 per share in its trading debut on the Nasdaq on June 26 earlier this year.

GoPro develops, manufactures and markets high-definition personal cameras, often used in extreme action video photography. They are known for being compact, lightweight, rugged, wearable or mountable in unusual places such as outside a quadcopter, planes, cars, boats, bicycle and motorcycle helmets or army tanks. According to the GoPro company site, "GoPro helps people capture and share their lives' most meaningful experiences with others—to celebrate them together." (MCS)

Emergency loans now available for Guam producers

HONOLULU, Hawaii—Producers in Guam, who were negatively impacted by Tropical Storm Halong during the period of July 28-31, 2014, may be eligible for emergency loans through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency. Eligible producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses to a maximum amount of \$500,000 at a low interest rate. Deadline to apply is May 10, 2015.

Speaking on behalf of FSA, Assistant Farm Loan Manager Fred San Nicolas said, "The emergency loan is a means to help producers get back on their feet and operate at pre-disaster conditions. This loan program is part of FSA's mission to help individuals to become successful agricultural business owners. Interested ap-

plicants are encouraged to call our office to discuss their available options."

The availability of the Emergency Loan Program was triggered by the Presidential Disaster Declaration, which makes federal funding available to the Territory of Guam and eligible local governments and certain private non-profit organizations on a cost sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by Tropical Storm Halong. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures for the Territory of Guam.

For more information about Emergency Loans, contact the FSA Guam County Office at 300-8552 or visit the FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov/ hi. (USDA)

Business

US job growth is rising solidly, so why isn't pay keeping pace?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Where are the pay raises?

Employers in the United States are hiring at a brisk pace. Unemployment has sunk to a nearly healthy rate. Jobs are being filled across a range of industries.

Yet the September jobs report released Friday contained a puzzling fact: Paychecks still aren't growing.

Economists regard stagnant wages as a red flag for the 5-year-old recovery. Robust job growth has typically fueled rising wages. And without higher pay, workers have less money to spend and save—and that, in turn, keeps the economy from strengthening further.

Whatever meager pay raises most workers have received in this recovery have been all but eaten up by low inflation. The average hourly wage for non-management workers has remained \$20.67 for two months. It's risen just 2.3 percent year-over-year, just slightly above inflation.

It just might be the pivotal challenge for families as well as for the economy. The size of a paycheck shapes budgets for consumers, whose spending accounts for most of the U.S. economy's activity.

Weak pay gains, along with lower-than-normal inflation, will also influence when the Federal Reserve decides to start raising interest rates. Without more pay raises spreading across the economy, the Fed has less pressure to raise a key short-term rate from its record low near zero.

So why hasn't vigorous hiring led to better paydays?

Three factors help explain the unusual trend:

UNEMPLOYMENT NEEDS TO GO EVEN LOWER

The last time monthly wage growth outpaced inflation in any meaningful way was from mid-2006 through 2007, just before the Great Recession started. The unemployment rate then ranged between 4.4 percent and 4.8 percent. If that pattern holds true, unemployment would have to drop another full percentage point from its current 5.9 percent before wages break out of their funk.

Economists note that wages are generally a "lagging" indicator. What they mean is that pay typically starts rising well after the job market has shown significant improvement. As the economy takes off, employers eventually need more workers to

meet customer demand. Unless those companies boost pay, they often won't attract enough qualified candidates for the jobs they want to fill.

Some economists think we might be close to that point already but say we might not know until months after the fact.

"We may find out six months from now that 6 percent was the trigger point," said Maury Harris, an economist at the bank UBS.

YOUNGER WORKERS EARN LESS

As older, higher-paid baby boomers retire, they're being replaced by younger workers who earn less. That demographic shift limits how much average pay can grow.

Recent college graduates are earning \$692 a week, according to a paper issued this year by the San Francisco Federal Reserve. That's just shy of \$36,000 a year. It's also slightly less than the average wage for all non-management workers—most of whom lack a college degree and the additional earnings power it carries.

Based on the jobs report, more young workers are flooding the job market and are willing to work for less, said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial.

Employers can reduce costs by hiring more 20-somethings who don't have families to support. Or, they can dangle the possibility of replacing their older workers with younger ones to limit pay hikes for their existing employees.

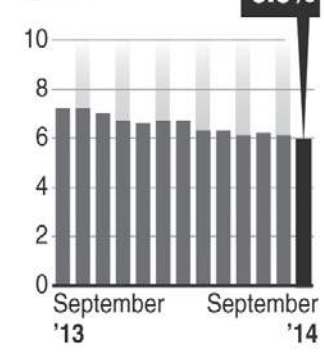
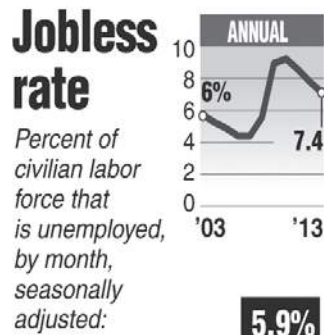
"It's much easier to lower an entry-level wage than a wage for an existing worker," Swonk said. "It's also a bargaining chip that goes to employers over workers."

A HANGOVER FROM THE RECESSION

After the most destructive economic slump since the 1930s, it can take years to heal.

In a speech in August, Fed Chair Janet Yellen floated an intriguing explanation for lackluster wage growth: Employers seldom cut wages during a recession, even though it might, in theory, make financial sense to do so.

The reason they don't is that wage cuts can break employee morale and possibly disrupt business. Since employers shouldered higher wages than they wanted to during the recession, they might be making up the difference by paying workers



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less during the recovery.

If true, this means wages may lag for a while longer. Yet once they do, they might "increase at a more rapid clip," Bank of America suggested in an analysis Friday.

What's more, lots of people have given up looking for work after being laid off during the recession. The government can track this trend by measuring the percentage of adults who either have a job or are looking for one.

This rate will decline naturally as waves of baby boomers retire. But some economists say the rate fell more during the recession than demographic trends alone would indicate. The rate was 62.7 percent in September, down 3.3 percentage points from just before the recession. A single percentage point represents about 1.5 million potential workers.

Some of the unemployed gave up their job searches long ago. So the government no longer considers them part of the labor force. Still, many of them might still be open to accepting a job if the right one emerges. This means employers might in theory have a deeper supply of possible workers to choose from than the jobs report indicates.

The irony is that these long-term unemployed may be waiting to be offered higher pay. Yet the potential for pay growth is limited when so many people need work.

"The fact that wages remain stuck despite 48 successive months of job gains suggests that employers' bargaining power remains exceptionally strong," said Gary Burtless, an economist at the Brookings Institution.

Nation

5th American with Ebola goes home

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—An American photojournalist who contracted Ebola while working in West Africa began his journey home for treatment Sunday, while a man who recently arrived in Dallas from Liberia remained in critical condition with the disease.

Ashoka Mukpo, 33, will be the second Ebola patient to be treated at the Nebraska Medical Center's specialized isolation unit.

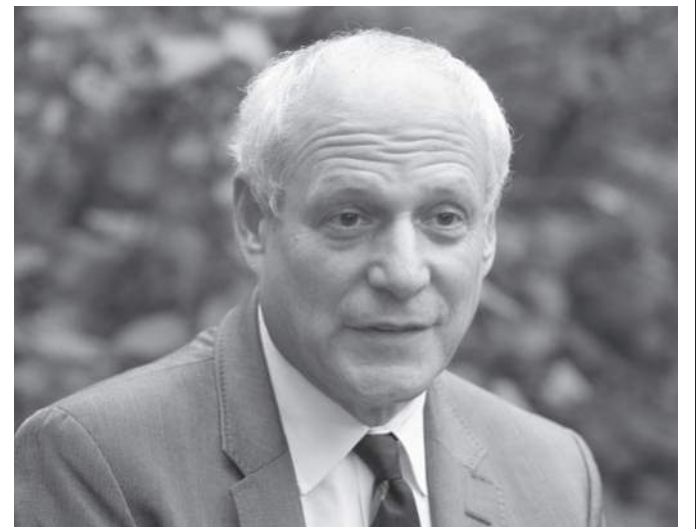
Mukpo was working as a freelance cameraman for NBC News in Liberia when he became ill last week. NBC reported Sunday evening that Mukpo had started his journey to the U.S. for treatment and that he would arrive Monday morning. Mukpo's family said Friday he would be treated in Omaha. Hospital officials said they expected an Ebola patient to arrive Monday, but declined to provide a name.

He is the fifth American to return to the United States for treatment since the start of the latest Ebola outbreak, which the World Health Organization estimates has killed more than 3,400 people.

The hospital's biocontainment unit was created in 2005 specifically to handle illnesses like this, said Dr. Phil Smith, who oversees the unit.

"We are ready, willing and able to care for this patient," Smith said. "We consider it our duty to give these American citizens the best possible care we can."

Mukpo's father, Dr. Mitchell Levy, told NBC Sunday that



Dr. Mitchell Levy, father of Ashoka Mukpo, an American freelance cameraman who is diagnosed with Ebola, talks with a reporter at his home in Providence, R.I., Friday, Oct. 3, 2014.

his son was "counting the minutes" until he could leave Liberia but that he was not feeling that ill Sunday. Levy said the family was travelling from Rhode Island to Nebraska.

Doctors at the isolation unit—the largest of four nationwide—would evaluate Mukpo when he arrives before determining how to treat him. They said they will apply the lessons learned while treating American aid worker Rick Sacra in September. Sacra was successfully treated in the Nebraska unit and was allowed to return to his home in Massachusetts after three weeks, on Sept. 25.

"Truly, focusing on symptom management is key with these patients," Dr. Rosanna Morris said Friday.

Sacra received an experimental Tekmira Pharmaceuticals drug called TKM-

Ebola, as well as two blood transfusions from another American aid worker who recovered from Ebola at an Atlanta hospital. The transfusions are believed to help a patient fight off the virus because the survivor's blood carries antibodies for the disease. Sacra also received supportive care, including IV fluids and aggressive electrolyte management.

In Dallas, Thomas Eric Duncan was listed in critical condition Sunday. Duncan has been hospitalized at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital for one week. Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said he was aware that Duncan's health had "taken a turn for the worse," but he declined to describe Duncan's condition further.

Chief: Aggressive search continues for UVa student

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)—Charlottesville's police chief said Sunday that an anguished statement from the parents of a missing University of Virginia student has given investigators fresh resolve to carry on with the difficult search of hundreds square miles of countryside.

Police Chief Timothy Longo said that law enforcement is aggressively searching areas surrounding Charlottesville—many of which are hilly or thick with brush—for Hannah Graham, who disappeared on Sept. 13.

He said he hopes that the plight of Hannah's parents moves anyone who may have information about the disappearance to come forward.

"This young lady disappeared. She was taken. Somebody has to know something. Somebody has to have seen something," he said in a short interview Sunday afternoon.

A team of about 100 law en-

forcement officers and other trained searchers were combing the countryside over the weekend for any sign of the college sophomore. Teams have been searching every day since the 18-year-old student vanished.

On Saturday, her parents made an emotional plea for whoever is responsible for the disappearance to help find their daughter. In the videotaped statement, Sue Graham said: "Please, please, please help end this nightmare for all of us." The Grahams also thanked law enforcement for their efforts.

Longo said that while the timing of the release of the statement wasn't strategic, the Grahams want to assist the search effort. Law enforcement has received more than 3,300 tips, and thousands of people have seen the video carried by news organizations around the country.

"They don't want this to be about them. They want this to

be about their daughter, and their fear is that if they're out there, this suddenly becomes about them," he said. "But they've also said: 'If we can be helpful to communicate a message, to generate community support or information, we're very happy to do that,'" he said.

Longo also said he read the Grahams' words aloud to the search team on Saturday.

"They went out here yesterday with a clearer understanding of the importance of finding Hannah Graham," he told reporters at a morning news briefing.

He asked area property owners to check their land.

"If you have a well on your property, search that well. If you have an abandoned structure, search that structure," he said.

Longo said all-terrain vehicles, aircraft and mounted officers are searching rural Albemarle County, parts of which are hilly or mountainous.

Asia

Typhoon kills US airman, 2 missing

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful typhoon was heading toward Tokyo on Sunday after lashing southern Japan, where it killed at least one U.S. airman on Okinawa island and left two others missing, officials said.

Typhoon Phanfone was off the coast of Shikoku in southwestern Japan on Sunday night, packing winds of up to 144 kilometers (90 miles) per hour after hitting the southern regions of Okinawa and Kyushu, Japan's Meteorological Agency said.

Three U.S. Air Force members were washed away by high waves Sunday, with one found dead and the other two still missing, Japan's coast guard said. Tsuguyoshi Miyagi, an official at the coast guard's Okinawa branch, said the airmen were on the island's northern coast.

The U.S. Air Force confirmed that three of its airmen were washed out to sea and that one had died. It said the search for the other two had been interrupted by rough seas.

The names of the three airmen were being withheld pending notification of their relatives, the Air Force said in a statement.

Okinawa is home to about half



A worker reacts after barrels fall from a carriage due to strong wind in Tokyo, Monday, Oct. 6, 2014. A powerful typhoon made landfall in central Japan Monday morning after washing three American airmen in Okinawa out to sea the previous day, killing at least one.

of the roughly 50,000 American troops stationed in Japan.

Several people on Kyushu island were injured in the typhoon. The storm also grounded more than 100 flights Sunday and caused power outages at more than 9,500 homes on Kyushu.

In Suzuka, in central Japan, a French driver was severely injured following an accident in the Japanese Grand Prix which had to be shortened due to the

heavy rain because conditions were deemed too dangerous. Formula One driver Jules Bianchi of the Marussia team went off the track at a turn and hit a recovery vehicle that was removing a car that had crashed earlier. An unconscious Bianchi was taken to a nearby hospital where he underwent emergency surgery for a severe head injury, and race officials said he was in critical condition.

HK officials resume work; protests thin

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong's civil servants returned to work and schools were reopening Monday as a massive pro-democracy protest that has occupied much of the city center for the week dwindled.

Student demonstrators say they have taken early steps to begin talks with the government on their demands for wider political reforms, but actual negotiations have not started and many disagreements remain.

At the government headquarters, where some protesters agreed to remove barriers

blocking roads Sunday ahead of the government's deadline to scale back their protests, the scene was orderly as government officials arrived for work as a few dozen remaining protesters looked on.

The crowds had thinned markedly after a week that saw tens of thousands of people fill the streets in peaceful protest. In Mong Kok, another protest site across the harbor where protesters had clashed violently with their opponents, a few hundred activists were staying put at the sit-in site.

Some activists disagree with the partial withdrawal at gov-

ernment headquarters, and an alliance of students say they will keep up their protests until details of the talks are worked out.

"If the government uses force to clear away protesters, there will be no room for dialogue," Lester Shum, one of the group's leaders, told reporters.

Alex Chow, another student leader, said he was not worried about the crowd dwindling.

"Because people need rest, but they will come out again. It doesn't mean the movement is diminishing. Many people still support it," Chow said.

Underwater search for Flight 370 resumes

SYDNEY (AP)—The hunt for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 resumed Monday in a desolate stretch of the Indian Ocean, more than six months after the jet vanished.

The GO Phoenix, the first of three ships that will spend up to a year hunting for the wreckage far off Australia's west coast, is expected to spend 12 days hunting for the jet before heading to shore to refuel.

Crews will use sonar, video cameras and jet fuel sensors to scour the seabed for the Boeing 777, which vanished for reasons unknown on March 8 during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

The search has been on hold for four months so crews could

map the seabed in the search zone, about 1,800 kilometers (1,100 miles) west of Australia. The 60,000-square kilometer (23,000-square mile) search site lies along what is known as the "seventh arc"—a stretch of ocean where investigators believe the aircraft ran out of fuel and crashed. Officials analyzed transmissions between the plane and a satellite to estimate where it entered the water.

Two other ships being provided by Dutch contractor Fugro are expected to join the Malaysian-contracted GO Phoenix later this month.

The ships will be dragging sonar devices called towfish through the water about 100 meters (330 feet) above the sea-

bed to hunt for the wreckage. The towfish are also equipped with sensors that can detect the presence of jet fuel, and are expected to be able to cope with the dizzying depths of the search zone, which is 6.5 kilometers (4 miles) deep in places.

If anything of interest is spotted on the sonar, crews will attach a video camera to the towfish to film the seabed.

Australian Transport Safety Bureau Chief Commissioner Martin Dolan, whose agency is leading the search, has expressed cautious optimism that the plane will eventually be found.

"We're confident in the analysis and we're confident that the aircraft is close to the seventh arc," he said.

World

'Mexico mass grave held 28 bodies'

IGUALA, Mexico (AP)—A clandestine grave on the outskirts of a Mexican city where police clashed with student protesters a week ago contained 28 bodies but the remains are too damaged for immediate identification, state officials said.

Guerrero State Prosecutor Inaky Blanco said he could not say whether any of the dead could be some of the 43 college students reported missing after the violent confrontation in Iguala, located about 120 miles (200 kilometers) south of Mexico City.

He said genetic testing of the remains could take two weeks to two months.

Blanco said one of the people detained in the case had told investigators that 17 students were taken to the grave site on the outskirts of the Iguala and killed there. But he stressed that investigators had not confirmed the person's story.

"As long as the identity of the cadavers has not been resolved we will continue the search" for the missing students, he said Sunday.

State police and prosecutors



A Mexican navy marine guards the road that leads to the site where an alleged clandestine mass grave was found near the city of Iguala, Mexico, Saturday Oct. 4, 2014.

have been investigating the Iguala city police for misconduct during a series of violent incidents last weekend that resulted in six shooting deaths and more than two dozen people injured. Investigators said video showed police taking away an undetermined number of student protesters.

Authorities have presented charges against 29 people in the case, including 22 police officers detained soon after the violence. Three of the suspects are fugitives, including Iguala's police chief.

Blanco said they are still investigating the motive for the crime, adding that some of the police have connections to a local drug cartel.

Blanco said Saturday that some of those arrested provided key clues that led investigators to the six unmarked burial pits on an isolated hillside about a mile (2 kilometers) from the nearest road. The bodies had been put in the pits on top of branches and tree trunks, which were doused with a flammable substance such as gasoline and set on fire.

Islamic State fighters shell Syrian Kurdish town

BEIRUT (AP)—Islamic State militants on Sunday shelled a beleaguered Syrian Kurdish town near the border with Turkey, sending smoke billowing into the sky as Kurdish militiamen scrambled to repel the extremists' offensive, activists said.

The Islamic State group has pushed to the outskirts of the town of Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, as it presses its weeks-long offensive against the town and its surrounding villages. The assault has forced some 160,000 people to flee across the frontier in one of the biggest single exoduses of Syria's civil war.

The Islamic State group has continued to advance despite airstrikes against its fighters by the U.S. and its Arab allies.

Overnight, coalition strikes

targeted militant positions around Kobani, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an activist group.

The U.S. military said fighter aircraft conducted two strikes northwest of the city of Raqqa, hitting a large Islamic State group unit and destroying six militant firing positions. The statement did not specify the location, but Kobani is northwest of Raqqa.

The Observatory said that the airstrikes, combined with heavy clashes on the ground overnight, left at least 16 militants dead. At least 11 Kurdish militiamen were also killed in the fighting.

On Sunday, the extremists, who have staked out positions to the east, west and south of Kobani, shelled the town

with rockets, mortars and tank shells, the Observatory said. There was also heavy fighting for control of a strategic hill south of the town.

From the Turkish side of the border, the heavy thud of the shelling could be heard, along with the sharp crackle of small arms fire, while pillars of smoke billowed from inside Kobani.

Some of the fighting has spilled over into Turkey, with artillery rounds falling on Turkish soil.

On Sunday, one shell fired from the Syrian side struck a house in the Turkish village of Buyuk Kendirci, wounding four people. A member of the family that owns the house, Dogan Polat, said that a 5-year-old child was among the injured.

Chechnya suicide bomber kills 5 police, wounds 12

GROZNY, Russia (AP)—A suicide bomber blew himself up Sunday in the capital of Chechnya, killing five policemen and wounding 12 others as the city celebrated the birthday of its pro-Kremlin leader, officials said.

The Chechen leader, Ramzan Kadyrov, told journalists at the scene that the suicide bomber was wearing a police uniform and presented police identification when he tried to go through metal detectors set up outside a concert hall in Grozny, the capital. When

police moved to stop him, he detonated the explosives, Kadyrov said.

Several ambulances were seen leaving the site, which was blocked off by police.

The Investigative Committee, Russia's leading federal investigative agency, said five policemen were killed and 12 wounded in the attack. No civilians were reported wounded.

The attacker was believed to be a 19-year-old resident of Chechnya, the agency said in a statement.

After two separatist wars in

the 1990s, Chechnya has become more stable under Kadyrov. But a Muslim insurgency still simmers throughout Russia's North Caucasus region, which includes Chechnya.

The last suicide bombings in Russia took place late last year in Volgograd, a city north of the volatile Caucasus region. The bombings of a train station and an electric trolleybus there killed 34 people and heightened security fears ahead of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, about 700 kilometers (400 miles) away.

Focus

Italy fights mafia with new strategy: Banish sons

By FRANCES D'EMILIO
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LOCRI, Italy (AP)—Walk into the Cordi family home, and you see photographs of solemn men, one after another, staring down from the walls.

These images tell the story of one of Italy's most powerful mafia families, as brutal as it is sad. There is Cosimo—husband, father and reputed clan boss—gunned down on a bicycle during a turf war. And Salvatore, the eldest son, recently ordered into solitary confinement while serving a 30-year murder sentence. There's Domenico, jailed for Mafia crimes, and Antonio, battling depression in a prison psychiatric ward.

Then there's Riccardo, the youngest, still a boy with melancholy eyes. Antonia Spano, the family matriarch, pauses before his portrait.

By age 16, Riccardo seemed destined to go the way of his brothers; that's the rule of blood in Calabria's powerful 'ndrangheta clans, a global force in the cocaine trade. But his mother is tired of making prison pilgrimages up and down Italy, and wishes for him a different fate. And even in the 'ndrangheta, there's a chance for destiny to be derailed.

Two summers ago, Riccardo became the first of about 20 young men from some of the most notorious crime families ordered by a court into exile, into a kind of rehab away from the mob. This daring tactic by a judge is threatening the 'ndrangheta by taking away its most precious asset: its sons.

INSIDE THE FORTRESS

This southern region of Italy

is the dark heartland of the 'ndrangheta clans, now among the world's most dangerous organized crime syndicates, eclipsing even the more famous Sicilian Cosa Nostra.

Here in the forbidding Aspromonte mountains, clansmen of decades past kept kidnap victims in chains for months and even years, drawing ransoms that funded an international drug-trafficking business. These days, the 'ndrangheta runs a multibillion-dollar narcotics empire, and launders money from resorts in Italy to pizzerias in Germany.

The 'ndrangheta is built on family relationships and strategic marriages, making it highly impervious to turncoats and infiltrators. And one of its most important families is the Cordi's.

Spano's home sits within a compound of clan residences, cut off from the outside by a forbidding steel fence. The matriarch walks through formal rooms with marble-topped tables and displays of crystal goblets, typical of affluent Calabria households, into a spotless kitchen that once hid a secret bunker.

No precaution is too extreme for a family whose past

is writ in blood.

Riccardo was 1 1/2 when his father became another cadaver in a decades-long feud in Locri between the Cordi and Cataldo families. So many bullets ripped through Cosimo's head that fall day, as he rode his bike on a country road, that he was almost decapitated.

Riccardo never knew his sister Paola, who died of a brain tumor at age 10. A few months later, the surgeon who operated on her was gunned down outside the entrance to the Locri hospital. Investigators never solved the slaying.

When Riccardo was 12, he watched wide-eyed on the patio here, half-hidden by plants, as police stormed Spano's kitchen looking for fugitives including Pietro Criaco, a clansman on Italy's most wanted list and close family friend.

They opened a wooden cabinet door under the gray stone counter and came across a trap door. It led to an underground bunker, complete with electricity and room enough for three men.

Criaco wasn't there. But not long afterward he was captured as he tried to flee across rooftops in a nearby town-wearing pajamas.

JUDGMENT DAY

Judge Roberto Di Bella knew all about this violent Cordi past when he faced Riccardo in court on a July day two years ago. He had even sent Riccardo's older brothers to jail as juveniles.

The day had begun well for the 16-year-old and his family. In the juvenile court of Reggio Calabria, Di Bella declared the boy not guilty of attempted theft and damage to a police car. There wasn't enough evidence for a conviction.

Who would testify against the son of one of Calabria's most notorious 'ndrangheta families?

But the judge wasn't finished. Something in Riccardo's silent, tough-guy stance reminded him of the cold, contemptuous manner of Antonio, the Cordi's second-to-last son.

After Di Bella convicted Antonio of a weapons charge in 2002, Antonio dropped his steely facade and confided that he wanted to shed the mantle of budding mafioso. He wanted to leave Locri. But with a widowed mother and Riccardo at home, that dream was impossible.

Maybe things could be different for the youngest brother.

Riccardo was as old as Antonio was when he appeared in Di Bella's courtroom. He gave every indication that he, too, was destined for the path of crime. According to a juvenile court document, the psychologist who spoke with Riccardo before the ruling observed that the boy showed a "certain resignation to a life marked" by crime.

Di Bella concluded that removal was the only way to save Riccardo from "an otherwise inescapable destiny." So, with a stroke of the pen, the judge banished him. And not just from the Cordi home, but also from Locri, the seaside stronghold where so many of his kinsmen were slain, and

from Calabria itself.

Antonia Spano seethed. Her eyes burned. All she could think was that the state was about to take yet another of her men—her last son—away from her.

"So, I won't see my son?!" she cried. "How can I see my son?!"

The judge told Spano to her face that she was incapable of handling her son, just like his brothers. Riccardo had been staying out late at night, hanging around with adults with criminal records, cutting class, flunking courses.

"This is an 'ndrangheta family," he told her. "We want to avoid having Riccardo end up in jail, or slain like your husband. ... If you don't like it, we'll take him away anyway."

Di Bella invoked a law that allows the state to remove minors from parents deemed unable to properly raise them, often children of drug addicts.

Why not children of clansmen?

BANISHMENT BLUES

The months passed. Social workers always seemed to have some excuse not to take Riccardo away from the Cordi home. One happened to have a vacation day; another was sick.

In the end, the police were called in. Expecting resistance, the officers arrived in force.

But there was no fight. Just Riccardo emerging wet from a shower.

Riccardo was whisked away to the sleepy hamlet of Roccalumera, across the Strait of Messina from Calabria. Home was now a facility for troubled youths, where nobody cared that Riccardo was a Cordi, a clan prince. Rules were rigid, including no going out at night. Everyone made their own bed and sat down for meals at a communal table.

For two days, Riccardo re-

fused to eat. He felt like an inmate doing time.

A few months later, he was transferred to a four-bed group home in Messina, just in time for the start of the school year. He took public buses to a vocational high school in a rough neighborhood.

Riccardo, then 17, also bonded with an unlikely ally, a wiry psychologist 11 years older named Enrico Interdonato. Interdonato had helped found the Messina chapter of Addiopizzo, a group of brave young Sicilians who encourage business owners to rebel against paying systematic "protection" money to Cosa Nostra.

The pairing was a bold one—for, investigators contend, one of the Cordi sources of income is shaking down businesses on their turf.

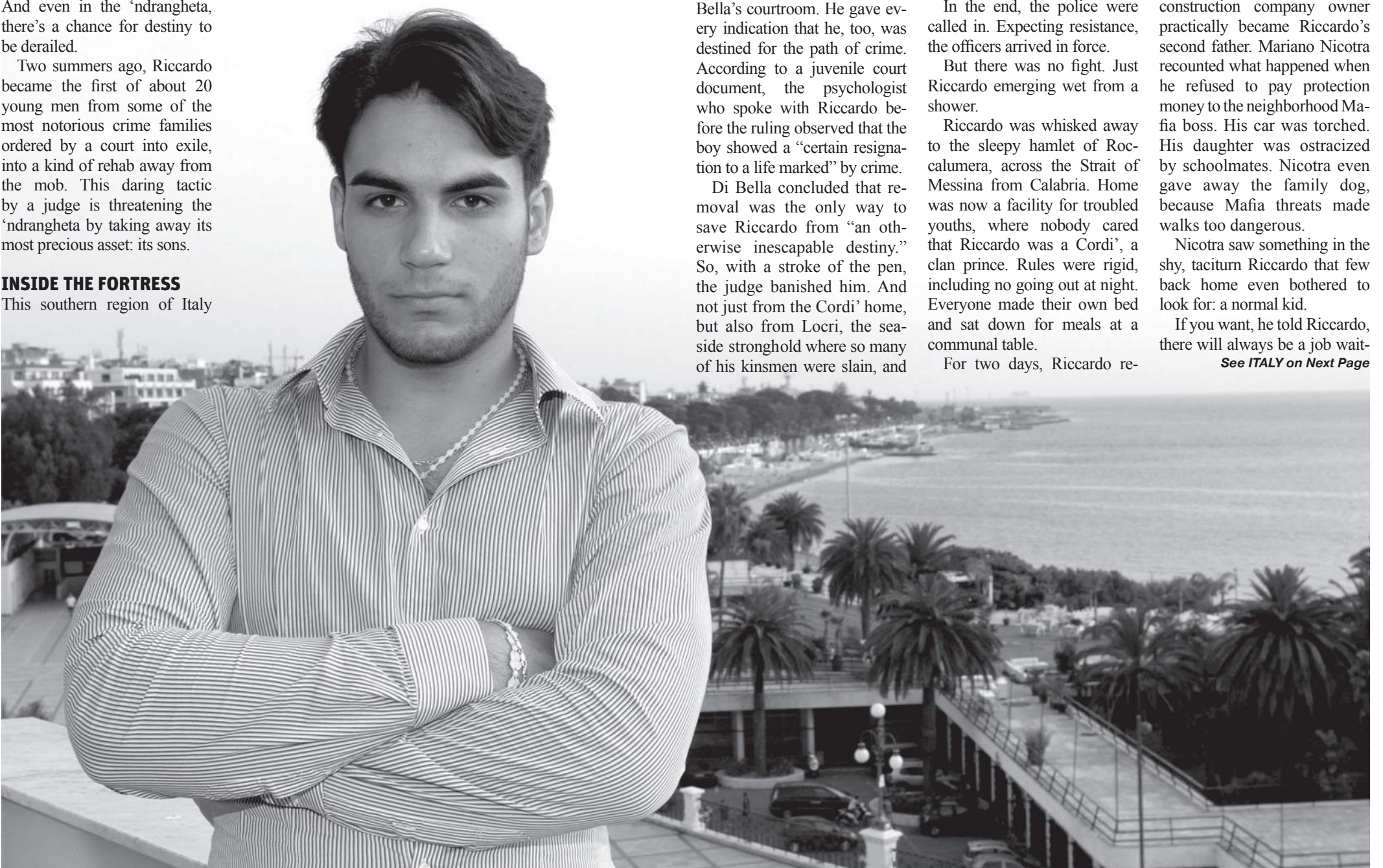
Interdonato became Riccardo's shadow. To help Riccardo begin to comprehend the terrible human toll of organized crime, the psychologist took him to commemoration ceremonies for the victims of Cosa Nostra. He was always introduced incognito, so neither Riccardo nor the families would feel embarrassed or upset.

If the psychologist acted as a surrogate brother, a Messina construction company owner practically became Riccardo's second father. Mariano Nicotra recounted what happened when he refused to pay protection money to the neighborhood Mafia boss. His car was torched. His daughter was ostracized by schoolmates. Nicotra even gave away the family dog, because Mafia threats made walks too dangerous.

Nicotra saw something in the shy, taciturn Riccardo that few back home even bothered to look for: a normal kid.

If you want, he told Riccardo, there will always be a job wait-

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Overdrive

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Since 2004, Honda has sold more than 2.3 million of its easygoing CR-V crossover sport utility vehicle, and most of those years—including this one—it has been the top-selling SUV in the U.S.

The current generation, introduced in 2012, has averaged 300,000 sales a year. Although not a standout in any particular area, the CR-V does everything well, which has helped it weather competition from all-new versions of the Toyota RAV4, Nissan Rogue and Ford Escape.

It has also benefited from a recent shift in buyer's habits: 2014 is expected to mark the first year that crossovers and SUVs are the most popular style of vehicle, trumping even the trusty family sedan.

To keep that momentum going, Honda will put a thoroughly updated CR-V on sale. The revisions on this 2015 model go beyond what automakers typically bolt on for a mid-cycle refresh. Highlights include a new and more efficient engine and transmission, an updated interior and new safety features.

"We think it's already a really sweet recipe, so we're not changing the formula, just sweetening the treat," Jeff Conrad, general manager of Honda, said at the vehicle's media launch.

The savvy updates only further cement the CR-V as the segment leader.

The biggest update is the new drivetrain. The earlier version used an older four-cylinder engine and a five-speed automatic transmission that was quickly becoming antiquated.

So Honda raided its garage and found that the drivetrain from the current Accord family sedan would work nicely in the CR-V. The engine remains a 2.4-liter four-cylinder but picks up power and efficiency. Horsepower stays the same, but torque rises to 181 pound-feet from 163.

As in the Accord, this engine is connected to a new single-speed CVT gearbox with a sport mode. This is an efficiency play, as increasing fuel economy regulations have automakers turning to fuel-sipping CVT setups or conventional transmissions with seven, eight and even nine speeds.

Honda's CVTs work better than most. Since this type of transmission essentially has only one speed, they tend to rev the engine higher and louder during acceleration.

So Honda has programmed in artificial gears that mimic the shifts that a driver expects when they push on the gas pedal.

Most customers won't notice much difference in the new drivetrain—and that's the point. The extra torque is available earlier in the CR-V's accelera-

Honda CR-V gets a tuneup



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The revisions on the 2015 Honda CR-V go beyond what automakers typically bolt on for a mid-cycle refresh. Highlights include a new and more efficient engine and transmission, an updated interior and new safety features.

tion, giving this Honda some extra giddyap. Drop the transmission into sport mode, and the car feels eager.

But the real gains come in fuel economy.

The standard front-wheel

drive models jump to 27 miles per gallon in the city and 34 mpg on the highway, up from 23 and 31, respectively. Models with the optional four-wheel drive are rated at 26 mpg in the city and 33 on the

highway. That's better than any crossover in its class.

The interior and exterior also get a mild but worthwhile redesign.

Inside, the CR-V gets a bigger center console and more

soft-touch controls. Dash controls for navigation have been moved to the touch screen, for better or worse.

The interior remains a friendly, practical space for a family. Tall adults fit in the back with

ease, and the rear seats fold flat with the tug of a lever.

Outside, the CR-V gets a more aggressive grille, headlights and bumper that give it a family resemblance to the current Accord and the recently redesigned Fit hatchback. The rear end still has an awkward bulge, but Honda massaged the caboose slightly and added some chrome trim to make it more upscale.

Finally, Honda added a bevy of new standard and optional features that help make it an easy value.

The EX trim, the most popular, adds standard gear including heated cloth seats, a power driver's seat, keyless entry, LED daytime lights and Lane Watch (a side-view camera that uses the dashboard screen to display the lane to your right when you use the blinker).

For all that, Honda adds just \$200 to the base price of the EX, for \$25,420 total. All-wheel drive is an additional \$1,250. A moonroof, backup camera and alloy wheels remain gratis.

Honda also added a new Touring model at the top of the CR-V range for customers willing to get spendy.

UNDER THE HOOD

Cool system malfunction requires immediate attention

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Q: I hope you can help me. My car's temperature gauge will occasionally go up more than normal. During the past several months I've added water to the radiator because it was low. The plastic tank seems to remain at the correct level even though the radiator is low. What suggestions

do you have for me to resolve this? Should I be adding anti-freeze?

A: This is something that needs to be fully resolved, and right away. Do you notice the higher-than-normal gauge temperature while at freeway or similar speeds, or while driving in stop-and-go traffic? If the rise in temperature occurs only at low speeds, an inoperative or weak cooling fan could be the

cause. Higher speed symptoms could be the result of a damaged or missing lower air deflector.

A more likely cause of the intermittent high temperature readings is insufficient coolant. A coolant leak seems likely as you are periodically adding water. A cracked hose, loose clamp, oozing water pump seal or other flaw can also prevent the system from drawing coolant back from the overflow

tank as the engine cools down, resulting in the low radiator yet normal or overfull level in the overflow tank.

The bottom line is the system needs a complete inspection, pressure testing and validation of proper cooling fan operation. Please forgive my bluntness, but you're playing with fire to do anything but to confront this issue head on! Engine damage due to cooling system malfunctions is tragic and easily preventable. If you need to

buy some time before seeking repairs, be sure to check the radiator level daily and watch that temp gauge like a hawk. Topping off with water isn't a good long term solution, but will do until you can get this repaired.

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ITALY

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ing for you at my company.

Slowly, Riccardo began to change.

Twice a week, he helped out at an after-school center for children from broken homes, even though doing something for nothing is an alien concept in the 'ndrangheta. Many had one parent, even two, in jail. Some fathers were convicted Mafiosi.

The work didn't come naturally. Riccardo was always buttoned up, wearing a jacket, even at outings at the sea. "He moved stiffly," said Debora Colicchia, who works at the center. But "he came willingly, and when he couldn't come, he called."

"I had the feeling that he was discovering the child in himself, because he had a childhood as an adult."

One day, another supervisor recalled, Riccardo surprised everybody by clucking like a

hen to make the children laugh.

Riccardo's exile wasn't all hard work. On Saturday nights, Interdonato took Riccardo out for pizza and some beers, and even to discos.

Riccardo was eventually allowed to visit home every other weekend. He took the ferry by himself to Calabria, where a family member would meet him. Each time Interdonato held his breath: Would he return?

Each time, he did. Once he brought nougat for the kids at the center as a Christmas treat.

BRUSH WITH REBELLION

Just weeks before the end of exile, Riccardo rebelled.

He didn't want to wait for his next visit home. Maybe he missed his mother's cooking. Or his girlfriend.

If he broke the terms of his exile, he would fail probation over a past brawl in Calabria. That would give him a rap sheet—a formal entry point into criminal life.

Riccardo packed his bags.

He didn't care. He wanted out.

Interdonato pleaded with him not to leave, but the boy was adamant. It took somebody else to make him listen: His mother.

The 'ndrangheta mom—who once spurted venom at the judge for taking away her son—had had a change of heart. Antonia Spano' crossed the Strait of Messina with a cream cake as a thank-you for Interdonato.

MAKING A WISH

On his 18th birthday—Feb. 8, 2014—Riccardo's exile ended.

The after-school center treated him to a birthday cake ringed with strawberries. In a photo, the teenager with the arresting good looks is intent on blowing out the candles. What is the young man wishing?

Stretching out on a couch back at home, Riccardo smiles bashfully at the idea of a career in fashion, a world that has always appealed to him. But it's just as possible that he'll work in a relative's

electronics shop after he finishes high school next year.

It's too soon to judge the success of Di Bella's pilot program; it will take years to see whether a taste of the clean life can separate the 'ndrangheta's sons from the syndicate.

But the strategy is grabbing attention, and some 200 residents turned out in a town square in Reggio Calabria this summer for a discussion about it.

The exile approach costs roughly six times less a day than keeping someone in an Italian prison, social workers say. And if it keeps another generation from growing up to be drug kingpins or killers, the potential savings are priceless.

As for Spano', she is overjoyed to have her son home again—but also torn. She knows that for his own good, perhaps for his safety, he must leave Locri. Youth unemployment in Italy's south is staggeringly high, and for many youths the only reliable employer is organized crime.

"I want Riccardo to get a job. Maybe in Rome," Spano' said. "Maybe I'll go with him."

Ever the reserved teen, Riccardo is taciturn. All he will say about the initial shock of his exile is, "It was tough. I was counting the days."

However, in a letter to Corriere della Sera newspaper, published on May 8, 2014 on its front page, he expresses his feelings more clearly. He takes pains to say that he is not repudiating his family or Calabria, but also thanks Di Bella for giving him a chance at a fresh start.

"I did things, met people, lived in places I never knew," he wrote.

And he pays tribute to Interdonato, the psychologist.

"One morning, together with that guy, I went to see the sea. You could see Calabria, my land. This time, however, I saw it from another perspective: I was seeing it from another place.

"But it was I who was different."

Life & Style

Historic Rainbow Room reopens atop NYC skyline

NEW YORK (AP)—The Rainbow Room reopened Sunday in its historic perch atop 30 Rockefeller Plaza after a five-year absence from the New York City skyline.

"It's breathtaking," guest Jamie Greenwald, one of more than 200 brunch guests who took in the sweeping views outside and the significant improvements inside the 80-year-old establishment whose floors have been walked across by Cole Porter, Michael Jackson, Elizabeth Taylor, Al Pacino, Barbra Streisand and Muhammad Ali.

Herb roasted Amish chicken, oysters, shrimp, honeybaked Benton ham, Yorkshire pudding and chicken and black truffle pot pies were among dozens of delicacies awaiting the luncheon crowd in a spread created by Executive Chef Jonathan Wright.

"It's like opening night!" Keith Douglas, a managing director of the real estate company Tishman Speyer—Rockefeller Center's owner and manager—gushed as dozens of workers rushed about, putting finishing touches on the refurbished venue an hour before guests began arriving.

The sunny clear blue sky offered no chance for rainbows this day through windows that were enlarged by as much as 25 percent during an extensive renovation designed by Gabelini Sheppard Associates.

The architectural firm also



Chefs prepare a lavish spread of food before lunchtime guests arrive at the Rainbow Room, New York City's landmark restaurant atop 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014.

created SixtyFive, a new cocktail lounge adjacent to Rainbow Room that for the first time next year when the weather warms will permit guests to order

drinks on a previously vacant outdoor terrace.

Douglas said architect Michael Gabelini made sure to restore aspects of the Rainbow

Room including brass railings and crystal bollards that were included in the nightclub's original design. Montroy Andersen DeMarco was the project's executive architect.

"Michael really envisions Rockefeller Center being a steamliner that's kind of charging through New York City and

this is the very top of the ship," Douglas said.

The Rainbow Room closed five years ago amid a landlord-tenant dispute. Two years ago, the city granted landmark status to the iconic venue on the building's 65th floor.

Douglas said the famous rotating dance floor was refurbished by the grandson of the man who installed it in 1934. He said he replaced outdated metal technology with new rubber wheels that are "quiet as can be."

Douglas said they found confetti from the 1940s when they lifted the dance floor.

"It was amazing," he said.

As the restaurant prepared to open, Michael Arenella And His Dreamland Orchestra tested the microphones at a place that over the decades has featured music greats Tommy Dorsey, Guy Lombardo, Louis Armstrong and Tony Bennett, among many others.

Pianist Jesse Gelber was leaving, though, before the crowds arrived.

"I was told there's a piano," he said. "There's no piano."

He was not discouraged, though, saying he looks forward to returning to join the band there in the future, as he did a week ago during a trial-run performance when he said a Steinway piano awaited him.

"It's a pretty storied room," Gelber said. "Playing in a room where some of my heroes used to play is pretty cool."

CHICAGO (AP)—Genevieve Liu sits back in bed each night, still thinking of her father before she sleeps. He used to sing the same song to his children at bedtime, often before he'd head to surgery to save the life of someone else's child.

"I'm leaving on a jet plane," Don Liu would sing. "Don't know when I'll be back again."

Then, incredibly, he left in a way no one could have anticipated: On a family outing in 2012, he drowned in Lake Michigan. That he died helping two children get to safety on a windy, choppy day did not surprise those who knew him.

His eldest, Genevieve, witnessed the horrific moments when her father was swept under by a rip current. She remembers the shrieks and tears before his body was found, and afterward. She describes sitting quietly, staring into space at a fast food restaurant during the trip from Michigan back home to Chicago.

"My dad was, by far, someone who understood me like no one else. Like, he always knew—everything," says Genevieve, who was 13 at the time.

Losing Dad: A teen finds purpose in grief

"You wonder if you are going to be able to live the same life you always felt like you were supposed to."

It seemed inconceivable that she could get through the overwhelming grief. Yet, over the last two years, she has worked at it—helping herself, in part, by helping others like her.

Genevieve's mom, Dana Suskind, was determined to help her three children through this, somehow.

"None of us can crawl into a fetal ball, even if that's what we really want," said Suskind, a surgeon and researcher at the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, where her husband had been surgeon-in-chief. "So what do I do to help take them to the other side of adulthood, so they can be stable and happy adults?"

Finding ways to help a child adapt to a parent's absence is key, says Julie Kaplow, director of the Trauma and Grief Center for Youth at the University of Texas Health Science Center—though not al-

ways easy, since even healthy grief isn't always pretty.

At first, Genevieve spent a lot of time in her room at the family's Chicago home—listened to music, slept a lot and didn't eat much.

She remembers entering eighth grade, not wanting to be known as "that girl whose dad died." But the label was inevitable, and ultimately isolating.

"I got so much of my support from, like, grief counselors, friends, my parent," Genevieve says, shaking her head at those last two words. "My 'parent'—that sounds so weird."

Still, she felt alone. She remembers not wanting to see a lot of friends, not wanting to feel like she had to explain her grief.

There also were fights with her mom, and brother Asher, now 12, and sister Amelie, now 9.

What she wanted, she says, was a return to the "unit" that this family was—the melding of the lives and cultures of two young doctors, one Jewish and

the other an American of Chinese descent, raised in Taiwan, who converted to Judaism.

She says her mother was strong for her and that she regrets not making life easier for her. "But I needed her to be the same person that she was with my dad, and that just wasn't possible."

A turning point came when her mom asked a girl from Genevieve's class who'd lost her mother to cancer to come over.

Genevieve was hesitant, but recalls how they lay on the floor of her room, talking about life—everything and nothing.

"It's almost like you don't have to talk because so much is already understood," Genevieve says.

That experience prompted her to search online for support groups, and other teens who'd lost parents. But she found nothing.

That's when she decided to start a website, which she calls SLAP'D—Surviving Life After a Parent Dies.

The site includes a monitored forum, interviews with adults who've lost a parent, advice from experts, and tribute pages with photos, poetry and songs.

"People will share so much, nothing like they would in real life, face to face," says the 15-year-old, who hopes the site might eventually be taken up by an organization for grieving children.

In one recent post, in which a young woman who lost her father describes arguments with her mother, Genevieve offers advice, and the young woman responds, "I'm glad there's someone who knows how I feel."

Face-to-face interactions have been equally helpful.

Having lost his own father when he was 4, Chris Freeman, her former teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory School, also offered his support and told Genevieve how his older sisters had reassured him how much his father loved him—and how much that helped him.

Hearing that, Genevieve vowed to be more compassionate toward her siblings.

Not that they have stopped fighting entirely, but "I try," Genevieve says.

In her bedroom, the wall is filled with photos of her dad and some of his numerous awards from his old office.

Genevieve hung them, without her mom's permission—a little act of self-assertion.

That's a lot of the appeal of SLAP'D, too, giving herself and others a bit of say over how they grieve, she says.

On the site, Genevieve's own tribute page includes family photos, and a reference to "Leaving on a Jet Plane."

"I love my dad, and I just hope that when I think about him it's not always about his death, or my grief, but just about him," she says.

She sang the song with a friend at his funeral, and she and her mom also sing it at the cemetery on the anniversary of his death "to return the favor, I guess."

"He had the most beautiful voice," Genevieve says, softly, and smiles.

‘Top Gear’ crew flees Argentina after cars stoned

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—The host of the popular BBC television program “Top Gear” and other members of the crew have fled Argentina after being pelted with rocks by people who believed one of their cars had a license plate alluding to the Falklands War.

Officials said a crowd of about 50 people began hurling rocks at the BBC group Thursday as they drove in a caravan under police escort to the Chilean border with Argentina’s southernmost province of Tierra del Fuego.

Host Jeremy Clarkson and the others were forced to abandon the cars in an area between



A car belonging to the BBC television program “Top Gear” crew sits abandoned along a road after it was attacked near Rio Grande, Argentina, Friday, Oct. 3, 2014.

Tolhuin and Rio Grande. One minor injury was reported and images by local newspapers showed broken windows and other damage to the cars, which were taken into police custody.

Tierra del Fuego Cabinet chief Sergio Araque said the BBC group arrived safely in the Chilean city of Punta Arenas on Friday. He said Argentina’s foreign ministry and customs agency were working on recovering the cars.

The “Top Gear” crew was using three cars, one of them a Porsche bearing the license plate “H982 FKL,” which some Argentines believed was a reference to the brief but bloody

1982 war in which their country tried and failed to take the islands from Britain.

“The feeling over Malvinas is still very strong here,” said Oscar Heredia, a spokesman for the town of Tolhuin, using the Argentine name for the islands known in English as the Falklands. “The license plate was taken as a provocation.”

The provincial city of Ushuaia, on the tip of Tierra del Fuego, is the closest spot in Argentine territory to the South Atlantic archipelago and many military contingents were deployed from the town.

This week, a group of former Argentine war combatants held

a protest in front of the hotel where Clarkson and the BBC crew were staying.

The British newspaper The Telegraph said the BBC denied the license plate was chosen intentionally. “Top Gear production purchased three cars for a forthcoming programme; to suggest that this car was either chosen for its number plate, or that an alternative number plate was substituted for the original is completely untrue,” BBC executive producer Andy Wilman was quoted as saying.

In 2011, the BBC apologized to Mexico over remarks made on “Top Gear” that characterized Mexicans as lazy and oafish.

2 rare sculptures inspired by goddesses to be sold

NEW YORK (AP)—Two rare sculptures inspired by goddesses are among the prized pieces to be sold at Sotheby’s impressionist and modern art auction in New York.

The works by Alberto Gia-

cometti and Amedeo Modigliani (ah-mah-DAY’-oh moh-deel-YAH’-nee) come from private collections. The sale is Nov. 4.

Giacometti’s “Chariot” is a 1951 bronze sculpture of an

elongated figure atop a wheeled chariot. It’s estimated to sell for over \$100 million. The 1951 painted cast piece has been in the same collection for over 40 years. Giacometti made several

copies of “Chariot,” and two of them were painted.

Modigliani’s “Tete” (teht) was carved in 1911 and 1912 from a block of limestone scavenged from a Paris construction

site. Its presale estimate is \$45 million. It has never appeared at auction.

An auction record for a Giacometti work is \$104.3 million. For Modigliani, it’s \$69 million.

Letter records Titanic’s near-miss of another ship

LONDON (AP)—It was the collision that never happened, the moment of peril that could have saved the Titanic.

A letter being auctioned this

month documents the most bitter of ironies from the Titanic’s doomed maiden voyage: the Titanic came within a few feet (1 meter) of striking

another liner as it sailed from England, days before its destruction by an iceberg.

The April 11, 1912, letter from Titanic chief engineer

Joseph Bell to his eldest son describes how, the day before, the ship’s propeller current proved so powerful that it broke two other ships from

their moorings at Southampton. One, the New York, nearly hit the passing Titanic.

“No damage was done but it looked like trouble at the time,” Bell wrote three days before he and over 1,500 others died.

‘Girl’ nabs No. 1 at box office from ‘Annabelle’

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“Annabelle” couldn’t scare off “Gone Girl” at the weekend box office.

The Fox thriller starring Ben Affleck as a man whose wife goes missing overcame the Warner Bros. possessed-doll horror movie with a \$38 million debut, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Both films join the recently released “The Maze Runner” and “The Equalizer” in crossing the \$30 million mark this fall, a typically low-earning season at the box office.

“It was virtually a photo fin-

1. **“Gone Girl,”** \$38 million (\$24.6 million international).
2. **“Annabelle,”** \$37.2 million (\$20 million international).
3. **“The Equalizer,”** \$19 million (\$13 million international).
4. **“The Boxtrolls,”** \$12.4 million (\$6 million international).
5. **“The Maze Runner,”** \$12 million (\$16.5 million international).
6. **“Left Behind,”** \$6.8 million.
7. **“This Is Where I Leave You,”** \$4 million.
8. **“Dolphin Tale 2,”** \$3.5 million.
9. **“Guardians of the Galaxy,”** \$3 million (\$2.4 million international).
10. **“No Good Deed,”** \$2.5 million.

ish,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-of-

fice tracker Rentrak. “These two movies couldn’t be more different. It shows how if the marketplace presents a diversity of product, audiences will come out. It’s the third and fourth \$30 million debut of the past two weeks. It’s been a great post-summer run.”

“Gone Girl” is based on the best-selling novel by Gillian Flynn and was directed by “The Social Network” and “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” filmmaker David Fincher. The film earned an additional \$24.6 million internationally.

“I think David Fincher made a very provocative, thought-

provoking film,” said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox. “I think there was this crescendo of publicity and social-media chatter that made ‘Gone Girl’ into a zeitgeist-y movie that you have to see to be part of the conversation.”

“Annabelle” debuted closely behind “Gone Girl” with \$37.2 million. The movie stars Ward Horton and Annabelle Wallis as new parents who bring the creepy porcelain plaything seen in last year’s haunted house horror “The Conjuring” into their home.

Sony’s “The Equalizer,” last week’s top performer, came in

third place in its second weekend with \$19 million, bringing its total domestic haul to \$64.5 million. The revenge thriller starring Denzel Washington reteams him with director Antoine Fuqua, who helmed 2001’s “Training Day,” the film that earned Washington an Oscar for best actor.

“Left Behind,” the weekend’s other big debut, opened in sixth place with \$6.8 million. The Rapture-set film starring Nicholas Cage is based on the novel of the same name.

Dergarabedian said overall ticket sales for the weekend box office were \$149 million, an 18 percent increase from the same weekend last year.

BB King cancels shows after falling ill in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—Blues guitarist B.B. King has canceled the remaining eight performances of his current tour after being diagnosed with dehydration and exhaustion.

King’s official website says he fell ill Friday evening during a performance at the House of Blues in Chicago and was evaluated by a doctor.

The end of his tour was to include stops next week at his own B.B. King Blues Club and Grill in New York.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer is 89 and has released over 50 albums.

No further updates on his condition were provided.

Earlier this year, King issued a public apology to fans after an erratic performance in St. Louis led to audience catcalls and early departures. His publicists called it “a bad night for one of America’s living blues legends.”

Mom gets great pleasure from a well-made bed

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have four great kids. They are well-behaved, respectful and full of fun. Hubby and I are having a disagreement concerning them, however.

I am an admitted “bed snob.” I make every bed in the house every day, just the way I want them done. It makes me crazy when my husband insists that the kids do it themselves.

Our kids have homework, daily chores they alternate (cleaning the kitchen after dinner, doing laundry, etc.), as well as what we call “Chore Day Sunday,” which is a family affair when everyone has a list of larger chores to complete. The kids know how to make their beds because I have taught them, and I feel that insisting they make their beds daily, too, is silly.

I ENJOY doing this small thing. Am I crazy or is he overreacting?

HOMEMAKER IN GEORGIA

DEAR HOMEMAKER: You’re not crazy. I’d be curious to know why your husband feels so strongly about this, particularly since the kids know how to make their beds and you have made clear that you do it because you enjoy it. Having their beds made for them won’t scare your offspring for life, so ask “Hubby” to indulge you by letting it go and not creating a problem where one doesn’t exist.

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DEAR ABBY: Two of my granddaughters have posted pictures

on Instagram that show them facing away from the camera with their bottoms covered and their tops nude. They said this is part of the “Topless Tour.” They said it’s no big deal because it only shows their back and “everyone does it.” I feel it is inappropriate to post something like this on social media. Will you please share your opinion?

GRANDMA IN UTAH

DEAR GRANDMA: I think it’s unwise, but the times they are a-changin’ and along with them, the current fads. The Topless Tour—photos of topless women shot from the rear in a scenic location and posted on social media—is just another one of them. Calm down and thank your higher power that this fad is tame. At one point, people were lowering their pants and “moonin’” passing trains and cars.

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DEAR ABBY: What kind of advice do you have for a guy who is falling in love with a co-worker? We are nurses in a fast-paced intensive care unit. We greatly depend on each other to provide patient care and emotional support. There are so many reasons I want to tell her how I feel, but the fear of messing things up with her scares me.

R.N. WITH A SECRET

DEAR R.N.: Not knowing what the policy at your hospital is

DEAR ABBY

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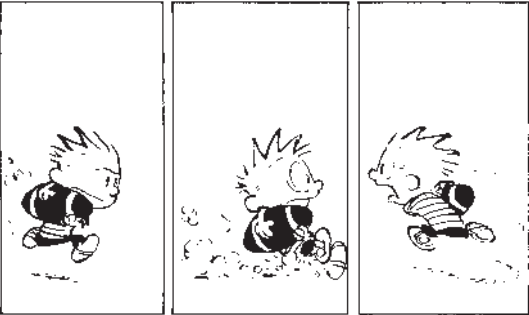
regarding workplace romances, you’d be wise to start slowly. I assume you see her outside the ICU. A way to start would be to ask her to join you for lunch, coffee, or a drink and “quick dinner” after work. If she says yes, it means she could be interested in you, too. If not—perhaps because she’s already involved with someone—you won’t be embarrassed.

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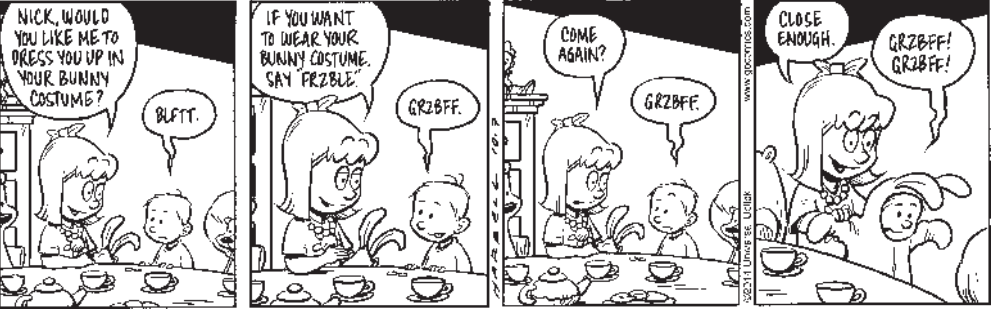


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13 Harry Potter's pal

14 English river

15 Andirons contents

17 Earthenware pot

18 Public health org.

19 "Let me think ..."

20 Milk dispenser

21 Vast expanse

22 Chances, for short

23 Adipose

26 — of the peace

30 "Arrivederci"

31 Trench

32 Fine

33 Jiminy, e.g.

35 Act segment

36 Youngster

37 Stir-fry pan

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42 Spinning stat

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48 Prognosticator

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50 Census data

51 Difficult

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6 Leeway

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8 Snoopy's pal

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21 Locale in Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle"

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Yesterdays answer 10-7

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shawn Ashmore, 35; Toni Braxton, 47; Simon Cowell, 55; Joy Behar, 72.

Happy Birthday: Don't look back or live in the past or you will miss a fantastic year of opportunities, change and excitement. Favors will be granted and a new approach to the way you handle stress, responsibilities and goal-oriented projects will change as your confidence improves and your knowledge and skills become easier for you to master and execute. Focus on advancement and happiness. Your numbers are 6, 10, 16, 25, 28, 33, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Present your ideas and you will grab the interest of someone important. A development in a personal relationship will allow you to make the changes you've wanted to make to improve your lifestyle. Travel, moves and educational pursuits will pay off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Secrecy will help you avoid interruptions that can stand between you and accomplishment. Do your research carefully to avoid a costly error. If you have to use pressure or overspend, you are best to back away and rethink your strategy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Mixed messages can lead to uncertainty. Open up and share your feelings with anyone you feel may ruin your chance to advance. Call in favors and make personal improvements to ensure you get your way. Networking will lead to success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Ask questions if you are uncertain about a situation or what's expected of you. Don't

allow an emotional moment to soil your reputation or your ability to do a good job. Someone's change of heart will end up being to your benefit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stick to what you do and enjoy the most. Arguing won't result in satisfaction. Take care of domestic responsibilities quickly and move on to entertaining, energetic pastimes. Love is on the rise and romance will improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your emotions in check and your mind on whatever task you've been given. Don't worry about what everyone else is doing when your own accomplishments are what count. Secure your position using insightful and unusual means.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on what's important to you. Don't give in to pressure that someone puts on you at home or at work. Recruit people you feel can make a difference. The contributions made to a group you believe in will raise your profile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make today a new beginning. Look at your choices and do what you can to improve your home environment. You can make an insightful move if you let your creativity lead the way. Focus on physical fitness and improving your health.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take control and make whatever changes are necessary to improve your surroundings, your position and your reputation. Don't give in to someone who is talking big but

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doing little. Have confidence in who you are and what you can do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep a low profile. You will achieve the most if you work alone. Avoid any impulsive moves, purchases or decisions. Concentrate on learning, observing and re-evaluating, and you will avoid the pitfalls that interference is likely to entail.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Direct your energy into moneymaking ideas. Don't let someone who is negative discourage you from following your dream. Invite people you have successfully worked with in the past to contribute to your plan. Love is on the rise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Fairness will bring good results, but emotional meddling will lead to trouble. You can avoid a nasty argument if you stick to what you do best and try to steer clear of a negative situation. Avoid making a snap decision.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Royals sweep Angels, make first ALCS since '85

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Almost an hour had passed, and the postgame party had moved



from the field to the Kansas City clubhouse, where victory champagne was once again flowing. Yet as sheets of rain fell at Kauffman Stadium, thousands of celebrating Royals fans refused to leave.

They had waited 29 years to soak in moments like these.

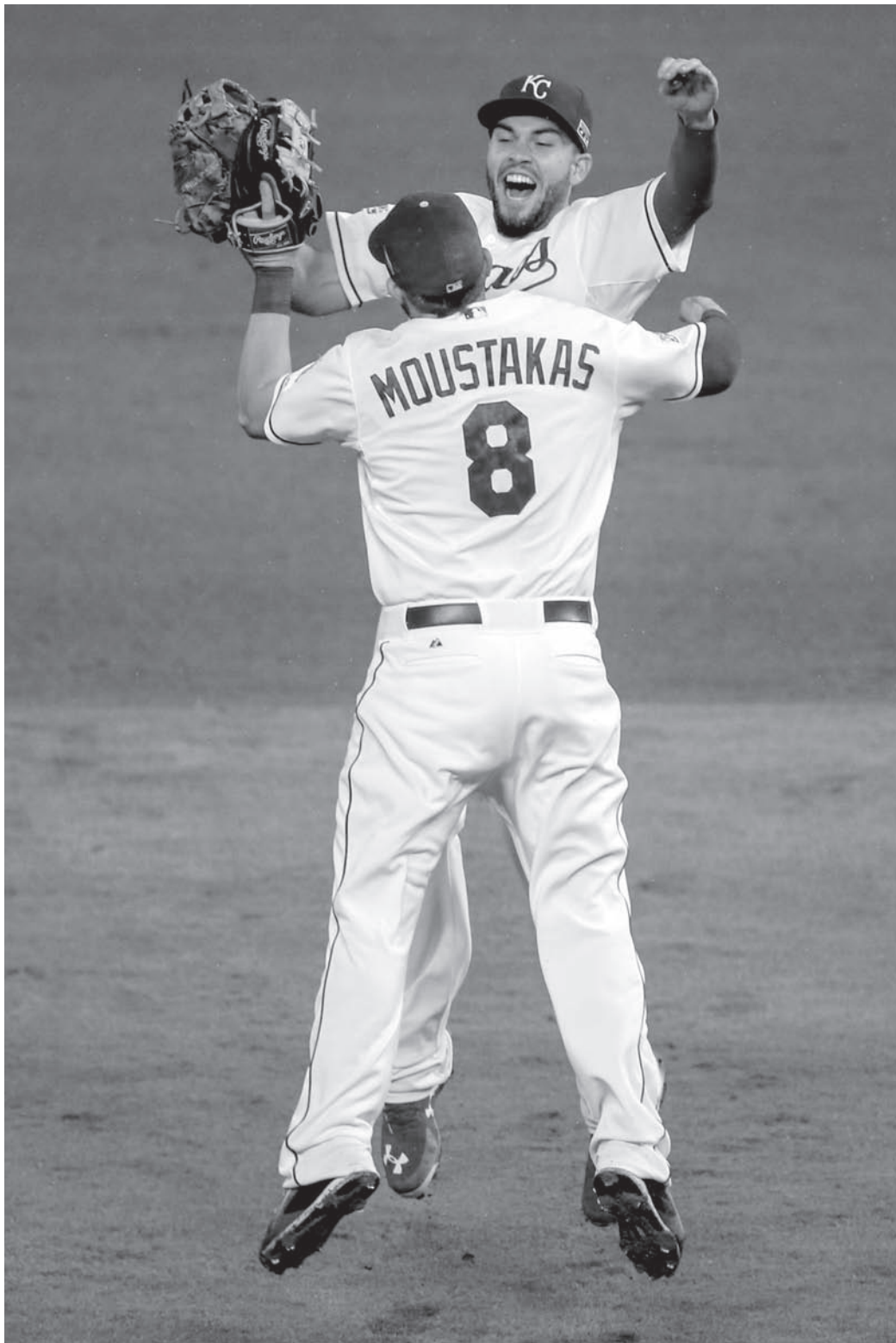
"This is a special time in the city right now and they're enjoying this as much as we are," winning pitcher James Shields said. "This is the best atmosphere I've ever been a part of."

Alex Gordon hit a bases-clearing double in the first inning, Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas each homered and the wild-card Royals finished off a three-game sweep of the mighty Los Angeles Angels with an emphatic 8-3 victory Sunday night in the AL Division Series.

The scrappy team with the unorthodox manager, popgun offense, dynamic defense and lights-out bullpen will open the AL Championship Series against the Orioles beginning Friday night in Baltimore. Kansas City went 4-3 against the O's this year.

"I've never seen this group of kids so confident on the big stage," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "It's really fun to see their development and watch them come into the postseason and just really take their game to the next level."

The power-hitting Angels, 98-64 in the regular season, became the second team in the divisional era that began in 1969 to have the best record in the majors and get swept out of the playoffs, STATS said. In no small coincidence, the Royals dealt the same humiliating fate to the New York Yankees in the



Kansas City Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer, rear, and third baseman Mike Moustakas (8) celebrate following Game 3 of baseball's AL Division Series in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014. The Kansas City Royals defeated the Los Angeles Angels, 8-3, to sweep the series.

1980 ALCS.

Stalking around the mound amid an electric atmosphere,

Shields lived up to his "Big Game James" billing. The Royals' ace gave up homers to Mike

Trout and Albert Pujols, but otherwise held in check a suddenly punchless Los Angeles lineup

Shields was helped, too, by diving grabs by center fielder Lorenzo Cain on back-to-back plays. All told, the highest-scoring team in baseball managed six runs in the entire series.

"Anything happens in the playoffs," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "You don't go in with any badge saying you won the most games, and you're certainly not going to get any points for that going into the playoffs."

Kansas City showcased great glove work in every game, especially by its fleet outfielders. In this one, Cain's catches in the fifth inning preserved a five-run lead.

The Royals coasted the rest of the way to their seventh straight postseason victory dating to Game 5 of the 1985 World Series, the last time they were in the playoffs. George Brett, the star of that team, watched from an upstairs suite and raised his arms when ace closer Greg Holland fanned Trout for the final out.

"We feel like we belong," Cain said, "that we can play with anyone."

The Royals are certainly proving it.

Kansas City played a 12-inning thriller against Oakland in the wild-card game, and a pair of 11-inning games in Los Angeles before returning home to a raucous, adoring crowd.

Trout staked his team to a first-inning lead, but Angels starter C.J. Wilson quickly got into trouble. The left-hander with the \$16 million price tag this season gave up consecutive singles and a four-pitch walk in the bottom half to load the bases for Gordon, whose slicing two-out double gave Kansas City a 3-1 lead.

Sensing the game already slipping away, Scioscia immediately marched to the mound and turned the game over to his bullpen. It didn't fare a whole

lot better.

The Royals kept the pressure on, and even plodding designated hitter Billy Butler got in on the act, stealing second base to another roar. It was his fifth career steal and first in two years, but it typified the way the Royals have been winning this postseason.

Dazzling pitching, daring baserunning and some dogged determination.

"They were just up there trying to put the ball in play," Wilson said. "Then they went into damage mode and started swinging for homers. They're hot right now. That's what happens."

After swiping seven bases and playing small-ball against the A's, the club that hit the fewest homers in the regular season pounded out four long balls against Los Angeles.

Moustakas hit the first of them in the 11th inning of the opener, Hosmer hit the second in the 11th inning the next night, and both of them went deep to finish off the sweep.

Hosmer's two-run shot came in the third inning. Moustakas connected in the fourth.

By that point, the Angels - their high-priced offense having fizzled and pitching having failed them - were slumped over the railing of their dugout. They spent the final five innings bundled up against the October chill, periods of rain making their night miserable.

But hardly putting a damper on thousands of Royals fans.

"Everyone knows how long it's been since we've been in the postseason, and you can tell because of all these people out here," Hosmer said. "They've got our backs on every pitch, and we're feeding off the energy. To do this in front of our home crowd, it couldn't be any better than coming and celebrating with all these people out here."

S I D E B A R

Cruz helps Orioles reach first ALCS since 1997

DETROIT (AP)—A runaway title in a division of behemoths, then an unexpected sweep against a trio of Cy Young winners.

For Nelson Cruz, Buck Showalter and this unheralded bunch from Baltimore, the question now is: What's next?

Cruz sliced a two-run homer for his latest big postseason hit, and the Orioles held off the Detroit Tigers 2-1 Sunday to reach the AL Championship Series for the first time since 1997.

Bud Norris outpitched David Price in Game 3 of the AL Division Series. The Tigers scored in the ninth inning and put the tying run on second with no outs, but Orioles closer Zach Britton escaped the jam to lift Showalter into his first LCS in 16 seasons as a big league

manager.

"This is fun to watch. Believe me, I'm happier than you can imagine," Showalter said. "But most of it comes from getting to see the players get what they've put into it."

Baltimore opens the ALCS on Friday at home against Kansas City. The Royals won the season series 4-3.

"We've got a lot to go and we're grinding," outfielder Adam Jones said. "If we play as a team, we can do anything."

So often an afterthought in the rugged AL East, the Orioles won their first division title since 1997 this year, dispatching the second-place New York Yankees by 12 games - and last-place Boston by more than double that margin. That put Baltimore up against another

of the game's most star-laden rosters, and Miguel Cabrera, Justin Verlander and the Tigers couldn't manage a single win.

Cruz's homer Sunday was his 16th in postseason play, including eight against the Tigers. He was the MVP of the 2011 ALCS for Texas in a six-game victory over Detroit.

Cruz spent much of this past offseason without a team after serving a 50-game suspension last year for violating baseball's drug agreement.

"He knows things were self-inflicted," Showalter said. "He really wanted to re-establish himself, and we thought that we could provide a real good opportunity for him, and the sky might be the limit."

Norris pitched two-hit ball for 6 1-3 innings, and Andrew

Miller got five straight outs to keep the shutout going.

Victor Martinez and J.D. Martinez opened the ninth with back-to-back doubles off Britton. Bryan Holaday struck out after a failed bunt attempt, and Showalter made the unconventional decision to put the winning run on base by intentionally walking Nick Castellanos.

That meant the bottom of Detroit's lineup would have to come through. The Tigers sent up Hernan Perez - who had five at-bats in the regular season - to pinch hit, and he bounced a 96 mph fastball into a 5-4-3 double play. It was Britton's second save of the series.

Cruz led the majors with 40 homers this season, and the Orioles topped baseball with 211. It was his two-run homer in the first inning of the open-

er that set the series' tone, and he came through again in the sixth inning against Price. Cruz's drive cleared the wall in right, about 2 feet to the left of the foul pole.

Not bad for a guy the Orioles signed in late February. Cruz turned down a \$14.1 million qualifying offer that would have kept him with Texas - but he ended up having to settle for an \$8 million, one-year contract with Baltimore that included \$750,000 in roster bonuses.

Cruz's powerful bat enabled the Orioles to withstand season-ending injuries to Manny Machado and Matt Wieters, as well as Chris Davis' 25-game suspension for an amphetamine violation.

"If you tell me before the series we're going to sweep, I don't believe it," Cruz said.

Detroit won its fourth

straight AL Central this year. But after reaching at least the ALCS the last three seasons, Detroit couldn't make it there this year. The Tigers remain without a World Series title since 1984 - a drought one year shorter than Baltimore's.

"It's disappointing. You feel like you let the fans down and you feel like you let the organization down," said Brad Ausmus, who replaced Jim Leyland as Detroit's manager after last season.

Detroit acquired Price at this year's trade deadline, adding another impressive arm to an already-formidable rotation. Max Scherzer, Price and Verlander are the AL's last three Cy Young Award winners, and the Tigers started them all in this series. Verlander and Cabrera have combined for the last three MVP awards.

Manning's 500th TD leads Broncos past Cards



DENVER (AP)—

The best part of Peyton Manning's big day was getting to share the spotlight with some of his best friends.

Manning joined Brett Favre in the NFL's most exclusive of clubs with his 500th touchdown toss Sunday when the Denver Broncos handed the Arizona Cardinals their first loss, 41-20.

"Football is the ultimate team game, and so I guess one man has to accept it and I really accept it on behalf of a lot of coaches and teammates," Manning said.

Manning threw for 479 yards and four TDs, moving him within five of Favre's record 508.

After getting his touchstone touchdown - a 7-yard dart to tight end Julius Thomas - out of the way early, Manning helped Demaryius Thomas and Wes Welker make history, too.

Demaryius Thomas set a franchise record with 226 yards on eight catches, beating Shannon Sharpe's mark of 214 yards set against Kansas City in 2002.

Welker's seven receptions moved him past Rod Smith for the most catches in NFL history by an undrafted player. He has 854, five more than Smith caught for Denver between 1995-2006.

"I still can't believe he was undrafted because that man can play some ball," Demaryius Thomas said.

Welker's record-breaker came on the last play on the first half, something Manning called "kind of a ha-ha moment for scouting, for not drafting him. So, whoever was a general manager in 2004, those guys ought to send him an apology letter."

Browns 29, Titans 28

In Nashville, Brian Hoyer threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Travis Benjamin with 1:09 left, and the Browns rallied from a 25-point deficit in beating the Tennessee Titans 29-28 Sunday for the biggest comeback in franchise history.

The Browns (2-2) had never rallied from more than 20 points, and easily topped the comeback on Dec. 4, 1966, when Cleveland trailed the Giants 34-14 and won 49-40, according to STATS. It was the biggest road comeback in NFL history.

They couldn't have made it tougher on themselves as they fell behind 28-3 in the first half. They snapped a seven-game road skid scoring 26 unanswered points, including 16 in the fourth quarter.

The Titans (1-4) had a massive collapse—their biggest since moving to Tennessee in 1997.

Jake Locker didn't return after hurting his right thumb in the second quarter, and backup Charlie Whitehurst couldn't protect the big lead.

Saints 37, Buccaneers 31, OT

In New Orleans, Khiry Robinson's tackle-breaking, 18-yard touchdown run in overtime



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) get ready to throw his 500th career touchdown pass during the first half of an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Denver.

lifted the Saints.

Pierre Thomas caught eight passes out of the backfield for 77 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for 35 yards and a score to help New Orleans (2-3) overcome Drew Brees' three interceptions — and an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Brees completed 35 of 57 passes for 371 yards and two touchdowns, but two of his interceptions led directly to Buccaneers touchdowns. His third ended a potential winning drive in the final minute of regulation.

Making his second straight start for Tampa Bay (1-4), Mike Glennon was 19 for 32 for 249 yards and two touchdowns. He was intercepted once and sacked by Junior Galette for a safety in the fourth quarter.

Cowboys 20, Texans 17, OT

In Arlington, Texas, Dan Bailey kicked a 49-yard field goal in overtime after a miss at the end of regulation ended his franchise record streak of made kicks. Bailey's kick was set up when Tony Romo threw off his back foot with pressure coming and Dez Bryant made a spectacular leaping catch for 37 yards.

The Cowboys (4-1) won their fourth straight for the first time since 2011 despite blowing a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter.

The Texans (3-2) rallied behind Arian Foster, who had 157 yards rushing and a tying 1-yard score with 41 seconds left in regulation.

Bailey's miss from 53 yards on the final play of regulation

ended a franchise record streak of 30 straight made field goals.

Patriots 43, Bengals 17

In Foxborough, Tom Brady rebounded from the second-worst loss of his career by throwing for two touchdowns and becoming the sixth quarterback to pass for 50,000 yards.

Six days after a 41-14 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs, the Patriots' offense broke out of its season-long slump. Brady threw for 292 yards and Stevan Ridley gained 117 of the team's 221 yards rushing against a team that had allowed an NFL-low 11 points per game.

The Patriots (3-2) surpassed that by scoring on their first two possessions on Ridley's 1-yard run and Brady's 17-yard pass to Tim Wright. They led 20-3 at halftime before the Bengals (3-1) cut the lead to 10 points on Andy Dalton's 37-yard pass to Mohamed Sanu.

But it never really was close.

Chargers 31, Jets 0

In San Diego, Philip Rivers threw two touchdown passes to Antonio Gates and rookie running back Branden Oliver's big day included his first two NFL touchdowns.

The Chargers (4-1) heaped more pain on the Jets (1-4), who lost their fourth straight game and turned to Michael Vick. Vick replaced Geno Smith on New York's first possession of the second half, but wasn't any more effective.

Other than being sacked three times, Rivers had his way with the Jets. He was 20 of 28 for 288 yards and three touchdowns,

with one interception.

It was the first shutout in the NFL this season.

The Chargers' last shutout victory was 31-0 against Kansas City on Dec. 12, 2010. The Jets were blanked for the first time since losing 34-0 against San Francisco on Sept. 30, 2012.

49ers 22, Chiefs 17

In Santa Clara, Colin Kaepernick threw for 201 yards and a touchdown, Frank Gore ran for 107 yards and the 49ers converted a fake punt.

The 49ers (3-2) turned to a trick play on fourth-and-1 from their 29 early in the fourth quarter, giving a direct snap to Craig Dahl for a 3-yard run up the middle. Kaepernick directed the offense downfield, and Phil Dawson kicked a 27-yard field goal with 8:42 to play for the go-ahead score.

Dawson also connected from 55, 52, 35 and 30 yards.

The 49ers held off former franchise quarterback Alex Smith and the Chiefs (2-3) twice in the closing moments. Smith threw for 175 yards and two touchdowns, but Perrish Cox intercepted his overthrown pass to end any chance Kansas City had to rally.

Panthers 31, Bears 24

In Charlotte, Cam Newton threw two touchdown passes to Greg Olsen and the Panthers' defense forced four turnovers to overcome a 14-point deficit.

With the game tied at 24, Carolina's Antoine Cason stripped Matt Forte of the ball and the Kawaan Short recovered at Chicago's 23. Six plays later, Newton found Olsen on a slant route for a

6-yard touchdown with 2:18 left.

The Panthers sealed the win when Short sacked Jay Cutler and Charles Johnson recovered a fumble as the Panthers (3-2) snapped a two-game losing streak and reclaimed first place in the NFC South.

Newton was 19 of 35 for 255 yards with two touchdown passes and one interception. Olsen had six catches for 72 yards.

Cutler was 28 of 36 for 289 yards with two TDs, but turned over the ball tree times for the Bears (2-3).

Bills 17, Lions 14

In Detroit, Dan Carpenter hit a 58-yard field goal with 4 seconds remaining to lift Buffalo.

Kyle Orton, making his debut as Bills starter, set up the decisive kick by completing a 20-yard pass over the middle to Sammy Watkins as Buffalo (3-2) overcame a 14-0 deficit. It was the eighth game Orton has won in overtime or when trailing in the fourth quarter.

Orton went 30 of 43 for 308 yards with a 2-yard touchdown pass to Chris Gragg.

The Lions (3-2) were undone by kicker Alex Henery missing all three field-goal attempts, including a 50-yarder wide left with 21 seconds left. Receiver Calvin Johnson and running back Reggie Bush both injured ankles in the loss.

Colts 20, Ravens 13

In Indianapolis, Andrew Luck threw one touchdown pass and ran for another score and the defense held on late. Luck was 32 of 49 for 312 yards with two interceptions, but scored the decisive points on

a nifty 13-yard run with 8:56 left.

Indianapolis (3-2) has won three straight. Baltimore (3-2) lost for the first time since Week 1.

It was a strange day. The teams combined for seven turnovers, and Joe Flacco was sacked four times — one more than he had been all season.

But Luck's 6-yard pass to Dwayne Allen early in the third quarter made it 13-3, then his fourth-quarter scoring run was enough after the defense stopped Baltimore's last chance in the final minute.

Eagles 34, Rams 28

In Philadelphia, Nick Foles threw two touchdown passes, while the defense and special teams each scored.

The Eagles (4-1) rebounded from a tough loss at San Francisco with a strong all-around performance until the end. Chris Maragos returned a blocked punt for a touchdown, Cedric Thornton recovered a fumble for a score and nearly took another one the distance.

But Austin Davis rallied the Rams (1-3) from a 34-7 deficit with three straight scores, including a 5-yard pass to Brian Quick that cut it to 34-28 with 4:41 left.

The Rams had a chance to win when they got the ball at their 7 with 1:47 left. Davis threw a 43-yard pass to Quick on first down, but Philadelphia's defense finally made a stop.

Giants 30, Falcons 20

In East Rutherford, first-round draft pick Odell Beckham Jr. made his NFL debut a memorable one, catching a go-ahead 15-yard touchdown pass from Eli Manning with 10:02 left.

Fellow rookie Andre Williams scored on a 3-yard run to ignite the second-half rally that saw the Giants (3-2) come from 10 points down to win their third straight game.

Manning threw for two touchdowns and Josh Brown added two late field goals.

Ryan threw for 316 yards and a touchdown playing behind a banged-up offensive line that held up until the very end. Atlanta (2-3) dropped its second straight.

Steelers 17, Jaguars 9

In Jacksonville, Brice McCain returned an interception 22 yards for a touchdown, helping the Steelers overcome a mediocre offensive performance.

McCain stepped in front of receiver Allen Hurns early in the fourth quarter, intercepted rookie Blake Bortles' wobbly sideline pass and went untouched the other way.

It was just what the Steelers (3-2) needed to gain a little breathing room in a game much tighter than they probably expected.

The Jaguars (0-5) didn't want a moral victory, but surely they will try to build on a close loss after dropping their past five games by double digits.

Federations reminded about deadline for 2015 Pacific Games

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Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White is reminding its members to comply with the deadline for submission of entries to the 2015 Pacific Games.

"We have to submit the entry by names later this year," said White, who is trying to find the cheapest way for the entire Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' delegation to go to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Team CNMI plans to leave for the Pacific Games on July 1 from Guam to Manila and take a connecting flight to Port Moresby. CNMI athletes and officials hope to return to Saipan on July 18 after the closing ceremonies of the Pacific Games. The quadrennial competition will run from July 4 to 18.

Basketball, beach soccer, beach volleyball, bodybuilding, boxing, cricket, football, golf, hockey, karate, lawn bowls, powerlifting, rugby 7s, rugby league, shooting, squash, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, touch rugby, triathlon, va'a, volleyball, weightlifting, and the medal rich sports of athletics and swimming are included on the list of sports to be played in the 15th edition of the quadrennial event.

The CNMI will be competing in athletics, beach volleyball, golf, lawn tennis, and triathlon.

White added that sports federations, which will be sending athletes to the Pacific Games or any off-island tournaments, should hold an open tryout to determine the representatives of the CNMI to these competitions.

"This should take place by the end of the year and should be open to everybody, be it in individual or team sports."

Meanwhile, White is also waiting for the local sports associations to submit



PACIFIC GAMES PHOTO

Tura, the official mascot of the 2015 Pacific Games, visits students in Vanimo in Papua New Guinea to promote next year's competition.

their respective four-year developmental plan for their grassroots programs.

"It's just a brief summary of what direction each federation is going. Hopefully, I received all of it by the end of the year," the NMSA head

said.

In other news, NMSA is looking at sending athletes to the 2015 Pacific School Games (PSG) to be hosted by the South Australian city of Adelaide from November 21 to 29. Students with

disabilities are also welcome to join.

The PSG, according to its website, has strong ties with the Paralympics Committee, Deaf Sports Australia and AusRapid and focuses on including sports where students with disabili-

ties can freely participate. The event is open to students in the 10 to 19 age group and holds competitions in baseball, basketball, diving, football, goalball, softball, swimming, table tennis, and touch football.

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with 1 KO) of Guahan Top Team.

Alvarez, on the other hand, has won his last three fights including two by decision, but he is expected to face one

of his toughest challengers in the San Francisco native Uyenoyama (8-5 with 1 KO). Uyenoyama holds an Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) record of 2-2. Despite dropping his last two UFC matches against Alptekin Ozkiliç (9-3 with 2 KOs) via split decision and Joseph Benavidez (20-4 with 6 KOs)

by way of a second-round KO, Uyenoyama is a tough nut to crack as he is a multi-titled Brazilian jiu-jitsu fighter.

"He [Uyenoyama] is a veteran and former UFC fighter and holds a black belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu," said the elder Alvarez.

Cuki added that Camacho would be

a big help in his son's preparation for the biggest fight of his young mixed martial arts career.

Cuki, in an earlier interview, said watching Uyenoyama's past fights was part of his son's preparation.

"He's been watching tapes of his [Uyenoyama] previous matches to

carefully study his moves and style," the elder Alvarez said.

The younger Alvarez is fresh from scoring a split decision win over Guam's Jay Tenorio (1-1) in PXC 42 on Feb. 28 this year. It was his third straight win after losing to Robert Wusstig on Dec. 16, 2011.

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mez, Seung Mock You, Keanu Diaz, and Ba Da Lee. Completing the squad are Lydia Tan and Eric Abragan, who were named team manager and assistant coach, respectively.

MP United's U14 crew will be battling the division crown against 15 other teams from all over the Philippines. The list includes early favorites Don Bosco Cebu, Ateneo de Manila University, and Green

Barons FC of Laguna), which were among the top finishers in their division in last year's U13 competition (the league changed the age group to U14 this year). Others on the list are Don Bosco College (Canlubang, Laguna), FC Nasugbu (Batangas City), Global FC Youth (Quezon City), Higa FC (Cagayan De Oro), Kaya FC (Pasig City), Loyola Meralco Sparks FC (Pasig City), Paref-Southridge Football Varsity (Muntinlupa City), Pilipinas Dragons FC (Pasig City), RC Tanauan Labuyo (Batangas City), Young

Pinoy FC (Makati City), and Green Archers United FC (Muntinlupa City).

The 16 teams will be divided into four groups and each pool will have a round-robin format in the elimination with the Top 2 teams advancing to the playoffs. The groupings have yet to be determined.

Since it will be MP United U14's first time to compete in the Pilipinas Cup, Tan said the club is hoping to make a good impression in the annual event by playing fair and showing good sportsmanship.

"They must also play aggressive,

but still show respect to their teammates and opponents. If they do feel under pressure they must stay focus, have teamwork, and give their best on the field," the team manager added.

Tan also said that since majority of their players are making their first appearance in an off-island competition, the club is counting on its players who had previous experience participating in international tournaments to provide leadership and stability to the squad. She is talking of goalie Clayton Izuka, Sun Joon Tenorio, Cody Leon, Alex Park, Joshua Abra-

gan, and Edwin Kim who played in tournaments (at least one) in China, Taiwan, and Japan before.

Tenorio scored the lone goal in the CNMI U14 National Team's win against Guam in the AFC U14 Championship 2014 Qualifiers at the National Football Training Base in Beijing with Kim assisting him with a cross pass. Izuka, Park, Leon, and Abragan were also part of that national squad which gave the Commonwealth a historic first win in the Asian Football Confederation-sanctioned tournament.

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the first period. Treat Kaipat also contributed in the fiery first quarter with his 6 markers matching the entire output of Docomo. Docomo got its 6 points off Tony Diaz's last two field goals and Robert Sanciangco's first basket for the team.

Docomo then redeemed itself from

a lackluster showing in the first period with a 28-point production in the second canto to cut the deficit to a manageable margin, 34-49. Diaz and Sanciangco still it the board in the second period and drew some help from their teammates to recover from the first-quarter letdown.

Saipan Ice slowed down a bit in the second period, as Santy was held to one field goal, but Norita kept going, tallying 8 more points to keep their

double-digit spread. With Santy a bit off, Norita got some support from Edgar Villanueva, who dropped 6 of his 12 markers in the second frame.

Villanueva and Norita continued leading Saipan Ice's offense in the third, which ended with the Lower Base-based team still ahead by a big margin, 64-48. The duo combined for 11 of Saipan Ice's 15 markers in the third period.

Saipan Ice maintained the double-

digit advantage, as Docomo failed to keep its momentum in the third after an impressive second quarter. Docomo logged only 14 points with Diaz held to two field goals. Diaz and company then regained their shooting form in the fourth as they past the 20-point mark, however Saipan Ice match nearly every basket of its foe en route to the easy win.

Norita finished what he started, nailing 8 more points to post a game-high 35 markers. Santy contributed 19,

while Villanueva and Kaipat chipped in 12 and 11, respectively. Diaz led Docomo with his 19 points.

Saipan Ice 83 – Norita 35, Santy 19, Villanueva 12, Kaipat 11, Paras 2.

Docomo Pacific 71 – Diaz 19, White 17, Sanciangco 12, Sablan 6, Hayes 4, Sanchez 4, Alvarez 2, De Leon Guerrero 2.

Scoring by quarters: 31-6, 49-34, 64-48, 83-71.

Asia Flow Tour 14

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Japan's Tatsuo Man Kato competes in the men's master's bodyboard.



Tadashi Yoshida of Japan tries to keep his balance.



Francis Hartman warms up before showing off his stunts.



Japan's Suzuki Yu flips himself in midair.



Chris Mojar lands safely.



Junko Seto of Japan prepares to show her winning moves.



Keoni Ichihara shows off some of his moves in the men's pro flowboard division.



Saipan's Ray Babauta glides on the water in the pro men's bodyboard event of last week's Asia Flow Tour 14 at the Pacific Islands Club.



Dan Westphal jumps into the water to begin his routine.



Japan's Nami Ota guides her bodyboard in the women's masters class.



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'The Crank' helping 'Pikaboo' prepare for PXC 45

Saipan Ice hands Docomo second straight setback

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Saipan Ice & Water bounced back from its debut loss with an 83-71 victory over

Docomo Pacific in the curtain-raiser in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Saipan Ice drenched Docomo early, taking a 31-6 lead and never looked back to barge into the win column after falling to the league-leading Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Anchor, 66-88, last Oct. 1. Docomo Pacific absorbed its second straight defeat.

Jerome Norita and John Santy teamed up in Saipan Ice's jackrabbit start with the former drilling 14 points and the latter adding 10 in

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Jerome Norita, seen here going for a layup in an earlier league at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium, plays for Saipan Ice & Water in the JP World caging and scored 35 points in their 83-71 win over Docomo Pacific last Friday.



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Frank "The Crank" Camacho is helping Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez get ready for his flyweight non-title bout against Darren "The Bone Crusher" Uyenoyama in Pacific Xtreme Combat (PXC) 45 set for Oct. 24 at the University of Guam Fieldhouse in Mangilao.



Alvarez (10-1 with 3 KOs), according to his father and Trench Tech Gym founder

Cuki, is in the final two weeks of training together with the undefeated Vince "The Clinch" Masga (3-0) and Guam's Roman "Boom" Alvarez (3-0).

Cuki said Camacho (12-2 with 9 KOs) is supervising his son and Masga's preparations and they are cross training with members of Team Ground Fu, Spike 22, and Purebred Jiu-jitsu Guam.

Alvarez and Masga are in the eight undercard bouts in the featured main event between hometown bet Kyle Aguon (7-4) and Rolando Dy (5-2 with 1 KO) of the Philippines for the vacant PXC bantamweight title.

Masga, also fighting out of Trench Tech Gym, will be making his PXC debut when he opens the hostilities against Guam's McKlane Alfred (3-1

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MP United U14 to debut in Pilipinas Cup

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MP United Football Club will have two entries to the 2014 Pilipinas Cup, as its U14 team is set to debut in this month's tournament to be held at the Nuvali Evolving Field in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, Philippines.

The club which will also compete in U17, is bringing in 17 players for the U14 division contest in the 2014 Pilipinas Cup that will run from Oct. 27 to 30. The MP United U14 team is composed of Joshua Abragan, Richard Chin, Danielle Colombo, Steven Goodwin, Clayton Izuka, Cody Leon, Edwin Kim, Tony Kim, Alex Park, Kevin Park, Go Sekiguchi, Rinto Takahashi, Sun Joon Tenorio, Jon Villago-

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Members of the MP United U15 team pose for a photo before playing in the NMIFA fall league last week. Majority of the players of the squad will be making their debut in the 2014 Pilipinas Cup later this month.